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Libraries hope for financial relief

Dawn Frasleur
Library employees in Kensington, El Cerrito and other towns in Contra Costa County are facing the same uncertain future that many city employees face — whether or not they'll have jobs in the immediate future.

City employees don't have the same job security once had; state revenue cutbacks have meant reduced city budgets all over California — with the resultant cutbacks in staffing, services and programs.

"We just don't know (our job) plans for next year," said Karen Madigan, children's librarian at the Kensington Public Library. She and Lynn Kennedy are well-known in the community, which boasts one of the best-used library facilities in the county.

But the future of their positions and the branch itself depends on a number of yet-unknown factors, including the amount of funding the county will receive from the state in next year's budget and how the county's library system will have to budget what money it receives.

According to the system's community relations manager, Stella Baker, the Contra Costa County library system is projecting a loss as much as \$3 million.

"It's our best guess at a system-wide loss," said Baker. "It represents a 28 percent loss (in our bud-

Baker noted several times that the number really is a guess — that will be settled for certain both state and county figures.

(The County Board of Supervisors will discuss the library system at its July meeting.)

However, the projections are that "definitely will mean changes," she said, adding that "it might even be a light-weight" in that case.

No detailed decisions can be

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Bob and Dickie Ndessokia, 11, tried out the tables at the Teen Center opening

Phyllis Lyon

Long-awaited Albany teen center hosts grand opening

Something new, something to do for local youth

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — With a ceremony culminating in a co-ribbon cutting by Mayor Elizabeth Baker and teen representative Natsuko Toyofuku, the community celebrated the long-awaited grand opening of the doors to the new Albany Teen Center last Saturday afternoon.

"This is a place for recreation and learning for teens to enjoy to the highest degree," said Toyofuku, a member of the Task Force on Youth Activities. "We hope they will want to come again and again."

The festivities included tours of the new facility at 900 Buchanan St., informal talks with University Village and Albany police and a barbecue un-

der the trees followed by volleyball, hoop shoot and softball games. Drawings for sports equipment and other prizes for teens were held throughout the afternoon. During the dedication program, Lions Club President and ceremonies emcee Bob Nichols introduced Mayor Baker, Recreation Director Bill Jones, recreation liaison Councilmember Mike Brodsky, school board member Ed McManus and Park & Recreation Commission chair Steve Hofmann who were unstinting in their praise of the community effort that made the teen center a reality.

Lauded by Nichols as "the moving force behind the teen center," former councilmember Bill Lewis shone as the star of the afternoon. In 1990, amidst rumors of teen

gangs arising in town, Lewis spearheaded a coalition of parents, service groups, businesses, teens and city officials to provide off-street recreation for the city's youth. A lab-module from the old Albany Hospital was moved to the site in the park behind the Middle School last year and renovated with materials and labor supplied by service clubs.

During the ceremonies Lewis received a special award for "leading what became known as 'Bill's Group' from Chamber of Commerce president-elect Jewel Okawachi who described him as 'our fearless leader.' 'Bill's Group,' having accomplished its mission, will become

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Oil tank find delays Memorial Park work

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Construction of the child care center in Memorial Park was halted June 18 when a 1,500-gallon tank filled with a mix of heating oil and water was discovered buried 14 feet under the building site.

"Most of the piping to the tank was probably leaking and contaminated most of the soil around the area of the piping," according to Engineering Assistant Jason Baker.

The discovery came as a surprise because two recent reports on the site concluded no underground tank existed.

The 1992 studies by independent subsurface investigators was commissioned by Alameda County which owns the Veterans Building in the park.

It is believed that when the boiler was converted from fuel oil to natural gas at some undetermined time in the past, the tank and pipes into the building were abandoned and forgotten.

When the existence of the tank was discovered, Baker immediately suspended work by Pyramid Construction to absolve the city of any delay costs.

The city retained another contractor to excavate 90 cubic yards of contaminated soil, remove the tank and haul the dirt off to be

incinerated.

"It took 24 working hours from finding the tank to removal," Baker said.

"At no time was anybody exposed to dangerous levels of toxins."

Test results on soil excavated from the base of the pit received last Friday revealed "minor amounts of contamination," Baker said.

An environmental consultant will be hired to submit a plan for complete decontamination of the site and construction will resume in "three weeks, four at the most," he said.

As for who will pay the price of tank removal and remediation, about \$5,000 spent so far, Baker said, "The city will absolutely not bear the brunt of the cost."

Given the results of the county's studies and the fact that the county owns the building, the city "will pursue remedies" with the county in discussions to begin as soon as possible, he said.

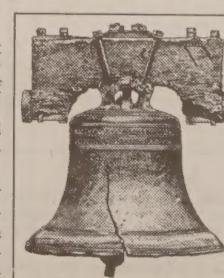
Underground tanks have also been removed from the site of the Library/Community Center, the city corporation yard and the fire department area.

Work on the 3,200 square foot day care center, to accommodate 60 children, began the first week in



The forgotten tank was found at the future site of the Memorial Park childcare center

Phyllis Lyon



Celebrate
Independence
Day!

■ El Cerrito:
July 3-4, Cerrito Vista
Park.

■ Albany:
July 4, Memorial Park.

Letters to the Editor

Why?

Editor:

My wife and I have had nothing but trouble since we moved to Albany.

This is a poem to describe what it is like for us here:

From Alameda to Albany we fled,
In search of peace, full of dread.
The goal of our quest was not to be.
Instead we found noise, hatred and belligerency.
A person of humanness she claims, you see.
None of which is evident to me.
Chaos, anger, accusations and lies
Letter to the Chief, wherein I'm duly despised.
Dispute Council, threats, trash in our yard
Suddenly we're living on our guard.
Vines blocking our walkway, dogs barking at night.
Calls to the police, trying to make things right.
Vegetation and music from the other sides
Should we move now or try to survive.
"Where are we living?" I remark to myself.
"Could this be Georgia, or someplace else?"
All of this started quite innocently.
"Please turn down your music, you're bothering me."

I often wonder, as I look back —
Could all of this be because I am black?

Rick Minor
Ilona Horvath

Why they came

Editor:

On June 10, another of Mr. Dan Freudenthal's familiar letters appeared in your "Letters to the Editor."

As usual, Mr. Freudenthal's letter contained one of his hallmark attacks against the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance. It is amusingly ironic that he accuses others of "half truths, innuendos and strident personal attacks," all of which, to some degree, are contained in every one of his letters.

If Mr. Freudenthal feels that he must choose any subject at hand as a convenient vehicle for his angry missiles, it would behoove him to at least familiarize himself with the facts and state them accurately. Specifically challenged is his statement that the Home Depot Store is "another plus for El Cerrito's Redevelopment Plan."

In a March 23, 1993 letter, Home Depot's Atlanta, Ga., headquarters stated, "In response to your question about El Cerrito's Redevelopment Project, the city's redevelopment project was not a factor in our decision to locate at that site."

El Cerrito's Redevelopment Agency played no part, either directly or indirectly, in Home Depot's location.

Mr. Freudenthal should spend more time and effort in the research of his subject matter and less time in spewing forth his venom.

Beverley Gent, Coordinator
El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance

Unfair assessment

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Alameda County supervisors.

I do object to the inclusion of Albany in the proposed parcel fee area for the Park, High and Miller-Sweeney bridges. As I am sure you know, Albany is on the far side of Berkeley from these bridges, yet Berkeley is not included in your County Service Area B-1988.

I believe that assessments should be on those who directly benefit from the service provided, and in this case that is the residents of the City of Alameda, particularly the well-to-do residents of Harbor Bay Isle and the major business park located there, and perhaps people from Oakland who work in Alameda.

Albany residents have willingly taxed themselves for a number of different things, but we would not even think of taxing residents of the City of Alameda to support our schools or parks.

Furthermore, it is very wrong to charge a flat dollar amount for each "developed parcel of land" and treating small residences the same as large parcels in business areas.

These bridges are immensely valuable to the owners of large industrial parcels because without them the land would be virtually worthless.

Stephen Barton

Deserve recognition

Editor:

In the June 17 edition of your paper, the article written by Dawn Frasier, "Friends of the El Cerrito pool earns recognition," was very misleading.

The bank was given a commendation by the City of El Cerrito, not John Cowee and his Friends of the El Cerrito Pool Committee. Cal Fed Bank is not Friends of the El Cerrito Pool. Also, John Cowee and his committee were not invited to watch the ceremony.

We should all commend John Cowee and his committee for all the hours they put into keeping the El Cerrito Community Center pool open all winter.

Cal Chun

A real asset

Editor:

On Thursday, June 17, the Contra Costa County Older Adults Clinic held an open house as it began functioning at the Del Norte Plaza.

The clinic represents a breakthrough in preventive care for aging adults. Its facility is well located. It is ample and truly state of the art.

It became a reality because of a public/private alliance of county, city and farsighted private developers under the auspices of El Cerrito's Redevelopment Agency.

So why kill the goose that lays the golden egg? Does that make sense?

It's hard to believe that there are those among us who would destroy a program which brings to the community new business, large and small, new, necessary, affordable housing, and increased tax revenues. And yet, there are some such, even in El Cerrito.

Anyway, we owe a debt to inspired public servants, creative entrepreneurs and Friends of El Cerrito, who are making this all possible despite continuing, stubborn, tunnel-visioned, misguided opposition.

Dan Freudenthal

Obituary

Robert Maisel

A memorial service was held Tuesday for Robert Maisel, owner with his wife Roberta of the 1910 Shop in Albany.

Mr. Maisel succumbed to malignant melanoma on June 5 after a two-year battle with the disease. He was 60 years old.

The shop, which closed in 1989, was a colorful way-station where customers were likely to get involved in a hot political discussion with Mr. Maisel while listening to a Mozart opera and rummaging through shoe boxes of vintage postcards or looking for hidden treasures.

Mr. Maisel was a graduate of Brandeis University, class of 1955, where he and Roberta met as freshmen. He received a masters degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale.

He taught sociology at Skidmore College, U.C. Davis and S.F. State for 13 years.

In 1974, he changed careers and, with his wife, developed his love of antiques into a business. In July 1992, the Maisels opened up another shop, "Scene Before Antiques," at 1589 Solano Ave., which is being run by Bob's son, Noah.

This represents the third generation of antique dealers in the family.

Mr. Maisel was on the board of trustees of Kehila Community Synagogue and was an activist in the Jewish Peace Lobby. He was an avid sports fan and tennis player, a deeply devoted husband and father and a person of great generosity of spirit, humor and love of life.

Contributions in Mr. Maisel's name may be made to the Jewish Peace Lobby Northern California, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Box 30, Berkeley 94709.

Clarification

Cain, not Gaines

In an article in last week's Journal — "City Council postpones camphor tree decision" — a comment by David Gaines, one of the citizens appealing the city's decision to cut down two camphor trees, was misleadingly described as being "disingenuous."

In fact, Gaines was informing Mayor Bill Cain of the scenario which likely led to information destined for Cain, as a City Council member, being routed to Gaines.

The Journal regrets the misunderstanding.

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Police Reports

Vandals deface school buildings with swastikas

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Tehiyah Day School was the site of a hate crime between May 28 and June 1; swastikas were painted on the building.

• A male suspect simulating a handgun under his shirt approached a female victim in the parking lot at Target at 1 p.m. June 13. The suspect, described as a Hispanic male, five-foot-nine, 120 pounds, wearing a black baseball cap and tank top, took a gold chain and \$6 from the victim.

• Four to five juveniles hit another youth, stole his bike and chased him at about 4:40 p.m. June 6. The incident occurred on the BART path near Manila Avenue.

• A male suspect knocked at the door of the Katana-Ya-Ramen restaurant at about 10:16 p.m. June 13. After getting the owner's attention, he displayed a handgun and demanded entry. The owner refused, however; the suspect ran.

• In the 6000 block of Central, a man approached two men sitting in a vehicle at about 2:26 a.m. June 23. The man simulated a weapon, demanding cash, then hit the victims while trying to escape from them. No loss was reported.

• In the Nation's parking lot, a Richmond man was approached by two male suspects who struck him several times with their fists. The incident occurred at 9:10 p.m. June 1.

• Two male suspects pointed an Uzi at a victim inside a residential garage. A wallet was reported stolen. The incident occurred at 11:30 p.m. in the 6500 block of Cutting Boulevard.

• VCRs were reported stolen from a home in the 5000 block of Cypress Avenue June 23; the rear plate was taken from a vehicle parked at Discount Mart June 22. A coffeemaker was also reported stolen from the Travel Lodge.

• A stereo and a bicycle were taken from a residence in the 500 block of Richmond Street June 24; during the night of June 17, a storage room door was opened in the 1700 block of Liberty Street, and a bike was stolen.

• A wallet was reported stolen from a home in the 700 block of Seaview Drive; electronics were taken from a home in the 10900 block of San Pablo.

• A citizen reported seeing a suspect placing several guns in the trunk of his vehicle in the Lucky parking lot at 9:49 a.m. June 23.

• A juvenile was arrested for trying to use a Toyota pass key to

attempt entry into several vehicles in the 500 block of Richmond Street on the afternoon of June 7.

• Gunmen were reported at an Avila home, but none were found when officers checked out the situation between 1:40 and 1:50 a.m. June 11.

• A television was taken from a Portola Junior High School room during the night of June 3.

• A man reported that a female juvenile was hit and dragged off from BART property by a male juvenile June 14 between 11:50 and 11:54 p.m.

• A 1978 Chevy C10 van was reported stolen from the 500 block of Liberty Street during the night of June 21. Also reported stolen were a 1985 Cadillac El Dorado from a residential garage in the 600 block of Elm Street (June 2 to 3), a 1979 Chevy Camaro from the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue (June 21), a 1987 Cadillac de Ville from the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue (May 30), and a 1985 Toyota from the 100 block of Colusa (during the night of June 22).

• Someone attempted to steal a 1976 Chevy Nova from the 1200 block of Liberty Street during the night of June 19.

• In petty thefts, mail was taken from a mailbox in the 6600 block of Moeser Lane on the morning of June 11; a jacket was taken from under a store's check stand at El Cerrito Plaza on June 15.

• A homeless man was arrested in connection with the theft of money from a wallet in someone's coat at El Cerrito Plaza on June 22; a wallet was also taken from an open purse on the victim's arm June 19.

• A battery and cables were taken from a car parked in the 6200 block of Cypress Avenue June 23; the rear plate was taken from a vehicle parked at Discount Mart June 22. A coffeemaker was also reported stolen from the Travel Lodge.

• Someone took a pullout stereo from a vehicle in the 3300 block of Carlson between 1 and 10 a.m. June 18. Also reported stolen from vehicles were: an indash CD player from the 6700 block of Snowden (June 14 to 15), equipment from the back of a truck parked in the 600 block of Albemarle Street (June 18), a stereo from the 2500 block of Tamalpais (June 11 to 12), and a pullout stereo from the Safeway lot (June 4 to 5).

• Miscellaneous items, including jewelry and electronics, were taken from a car at El Cerrito Plaza on the afternoon of May 31. Clothing was taken from a car in the 1200 block of Navellier during the night of June 21.

• One driver was arrested in possession of rock cocaine in the 500 block of Ashbury on the morning of June 21; he was arrested for possession of controlled substance at Cesar Chavez at 1 a.m. June 22.

• Shoplifters were arrested at Target (an Oakland feminist), the Emporium (a Richmond mall).

June 2.

• A bike was taken from the Sizzler lot on the afternoon of June 15. On the afternoon of June 15, a bike was taken from a fine store in the 10000 block of Pablo Avenue.

• A BMX bike was taken from a back yard in the 700 block of Liberty Street on the evening of June 31; another bike was taken from a carport in the 800 block of Pablo Avenue.

• A car antenna was broken in the 800 block of Pablo Avenue on the evening of June 31; a trunk lock was reported open at Portola on June 31.

• In acts of vandalism, a window was shattered in the 800 block of Pablo Avenue on the evening of June 31; a car was smashed in the 1600 block of Pablo Avenue on the night of June 31.

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Smaller staff sparks ideas for planning department changes

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — There's no getting around it. Reduced staff means reduced services.

Community development manager Patrick O'Keefe and City Planner Ed Phillips have given the City Council a clear outline of the "Planning Division Work Program" for 1993-94 just to make sure everyone has the same expectations for what can actually be accomplished with the current planning staff.

Just two years ago, the city of El Cerrito had a full-time planner and a full-time associate planner. Financial cutbacks meant the loss of both positions for a while. After City Planner Mark Caughey resigned, the council discussed the possibility of hiring the services of a city planner on a permanent contract basis.

In the end, several council members held out for a permanent planner, however. For several months, Phillips worked on a split contract

basis — two days for El Cerrito, three for the city of Albany. He has now been hired as a full-time, permanent staff member.

But there is no associate planner and no plans to reinstate that position. According to City Manager Gary Pokorny, it was best for everyone to know exactly how much the city can expect of planning services with the permanently reduced staff.

"With the appointment of Ed Phillips as full-time city planner, there is an expectation that the planning staffing is 'back to normal,' and that the earlier policy projects...and new projects can be easily resumed," said O'Keefe in his staff report. "Staff is concerned that the expectations may be too high..."

For the most part, the council accepted the new program, Pokorny said. Most changes involved some shifting of "high, medium and low priority" classifications.

Current development activities will require about 50 percent of the

city planner's time, at least over the next few months.

Among projects coming soon before the planning commission and design review board are Food for Less, Sierra School expansion, El Cerrito Lumber remodel, an Urban Homes proposal for the Mayfair site, Big 5 Sports store for the Plaza and a Del Norte BART mixed use proposal.

Many activities will involve environmental reviews, plan analysis, report writing, meetings, minutes and follow-up details.

About 25 percent of his time will be involved with direct public contact dealing with planning and zoning inquiries, administrative approvals and plan checking.

The remaining 25 percent is estimated to be available for "advance planning" activities, including zoning updates, new guidelines, general plan revision and improvements in administrative procedures. Practically, that means about five days per month.

Some specific high priority goals are revising the commercial zone ordinance (relating especially to the Fairmount parking issue), becoming familiar with urban creeks issues and considering appropriate actions, and assisting in the review of the fire study Environmental Impact Report.



Dave Greer

The right drink for a hot day

Seven-year old Casey Carlisle makes a sale to Cheryl Krantner-Leonard at his lemonade stand on the corner of Santa Fe and Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Hot weather helped Casey and his 9-year-old brother, Jesse (center), have a successful business day. The brothers are selling lemonade and popsicles to make some money to buy...a computer!

County proposes controversial bridge assessment

By Karen Corrente

A proposed tax to fund the upkeep of bridges in Alameda County has island property owners riled and local officials claiming that the county is acting in violation of an agreement with the city.

Property owners throughout the county received mailed notices June 23 from the Alameda County Public Works Agency informing them of two hearings in August at which the Board of Supervisors will take public testimony on a proposed "parcel service charge."

The county proposes establishing an assessment district, under which property owners in Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville and Piedmont would pay \$12 annually for each parcel of developed land. Those in Albany, Fremont, Newark, San Leandro, Union City and unincorporated areas of the county west of Pleasanton Ridge would

pay \$4.

The taxes would be used for the operation and maintenance of the Miller-Sweeney, High Street and Park Street bridges, which connect Oakland with Alameda.

"There are so many things in Oakland that we need," said Trestle Glen resident Carol Blackburn, one of the county's 380,000 property owners who received notices last week. "I wouldn't mind paying for schools — I feel that they need it so badly — or for the police department."

Alameda resident Earl Peacock, who was instrumental in quashing the Alameda Unified School District's attempt to establish an assessment district locally, said he's prepared to fight this time too. But a county-wide battle will be a lot harder to wage, he said.

"I'll need a heck of a lot more help," Peacock said. "The difference is in the coverage of the area.

If we can get publicity and get to people in different cities who are interested in working on it, I think that could be successful."

Resident Emily Shea says she's eager to help do whatever legwork is necessary.

"I'm willing to sit with a card table in front of Lucky (supermarkets) on Saturdays and Sundays," Shea said. "I already called the (county) Public Works Department and I told them how opposed I was. I think this is terrible. All they're doing is trying to tax the property owner for this and that. They're going to tax us out of our homes."

In order to prevent passage of a special assessment district, property owners of more than 50 percent of the assessable area within the proposed district must submit written opposition to the county and include their addresses.

The mailer sent to property owners says the state may take current bridge operating funds to balance its own budget and states that county drawbridges "could be continually closed to auto traffic while left open to boat traffic only." Shea calls such statements "scare tactics."

Although property owners in

cities within a six-mile radius of a county bridge would be charged the \$12 rate, owners of property in some cities in the county won't pay at all.

As a result of a protest when the county service area to fund the bridges was formed, Berkeley and Hayward are excluded from the proposal, according to county Public Works Director Donald LaBelle.

The cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, which are part of the county but are not part of the service area, are also excluded.

Written protests against the proposed tax may be mailed to: Donald J. LaBelle, Public Works Agency, 399 Elmhurst St., Hayward, CA 94544. The county has also set up a hotline number for calls regarding the proposed assessment. That number is 670-5518.

The public hearings are scheduled for Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

The phone number for the office of Alameda County Supervisor Don Perata, who represents Alameda, is 272-6693.

Perata could not be reached for comment before press time.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

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Freight & Salvage tonight, July 1: Sarah Elizabeth Campbell. July 2: Tim O'Brien & the O'Boys, Scoot Nygard & Mark Schatz. July 3: Coro de Hispano San Francisco. July 7: Susan Herrick & Nancy Vogl. July 8: City Folk Album Release Show. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Downtown Jam: July 6: Big Money in Dixieland's great Dixieland music featuring the wry wit of radio and TV personality Mal Sharpe.

Ashkenaz: July 1: 8750 Reggae Band 9 p.m. \$5. July 2: West African Highlife Band, 9:30 p.m. \$8. July 3: O.J. Ekemode, 9:30 p.m. \$8. July 4: Gizzae, 9:30 p.m. \$6. July 5: Anti-SLAPP suit bulk mailing party 7:30 p.m. Free. July 6: Ziyia 9:30 p.m. \$7. July 7: Cajun Bandits, 9 p.m. preceded by Cajun Dance lessons, 8 p.m. \$5. July 8: Fenton, 9 p.m. \$6. 1317 San Pablo Berkeley 525-5054

La Pena: July 1: Congolese Drumming. July 2: Moroccan Music. July 8: Afro Columbian music. All at 8 p.m. \$8. 3105 Shattuck Berkeley 849-5268

Kimball's East: Through July 4: Chaka Khan. 8 and 10 p.m. \$20/\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555

Berkeley Improvisors are on stage with musical accompaniment Wednesdays through July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. \$6. 548-5199.

Black Repertory Theater presents "Reality" July 5, 6, 7, at 7:30 p.m. \$15. 3201 Adeline, Berkeley. 652-2120

Summer Playhouse at Noon Series presents "The Club" July 6-July 9, noon. \$4-\$6. Zellerbach UCB. 642-8276

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

New Pieces class: "Beginning Machine Quilting" with Karen Matsumoto, July 8 and 15, 7-10 p.m. \$25. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Black Oak Books: Tonight, July 1: Cynthia Heimel, *Get Your Tongue out of My Mouth I'm Kissing You Good-bye*. July 6: Phyllis Burke, *Family Values: Two Moms and Their Son*. July 8: Sue Hubbell *Broadsides from the Other Orders: A Book of Bugs*. All at 7:30 p.m. 1491 Shattuck, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Gathering Tribes: Fridays at 7 p.m. Open mike for Poets \$3. 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038.

GAIA — July 4: Open from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. July 5: GAIA Community Salon, Topic: Hidden Journey 7:30

July 7: Stephanie Kaza *The Attentive Heart: Conversations with Trees* 7:30 p.m. Free with purchase of featured book \$3 without. 1400 Shattuck Berkeley 548-4172.



David Allen

Facing the queen's anger

King John (left, Bruce Williams) bears the wrath of his mother, Queen Elinor (right, Verona Seiter) in the California Shakespeare Festival's production of *King John*, running July 9 to August 28 at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays July 11, 18, 25, at 4 p.m.; Sunday July 18 at 11 a.m.; and Tuesday July 20 at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call 548-9666.

Birthways July 3: "Sibling Preparation" 10 a.m.-11 a.m. \$10/ \$15 "Parenting is a process" begins July 6. \$40/\$50. 2001 Dwight Way Room 1338. 869-2797.

Architectural Art Center — July 5-9: "Marbling" 1 p.m.-9 p.m. 1832 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley. 704-8033.

Cody's presents poetry by Denise Lawson and Jean Day on July 7. Genny Lim and The Watts Prophecy on July 8. 7 p.m. \$2. 2454 Telegraph Berkeley. 845-7852.

REI — July 1: "Bicycle Maintenance 101." July 8: "Americas Secret Recreation Areas" Free. 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo, Berkeley. 527-4140.

Turning Point Career Center at University YWCA: July 8: "Resuscitate Your Resume," 7 p.m.-9 p.m. 848-6370.

Cultural Arts Camp's third session will be July 5-9 Ages 5-12. \$90, limited scholarships. At Spirit Theater Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave. 849-3232.

Berkeley Hiking Club July 4: Angel Island 9 a.m. Al and Doris Broughton: 523-4631. Mini Hike: Muir Woods, 9:30. Leo Black: 841-1608

Kensington Senior Activity Center — July 8: Rosario Parks demonstrates the making of note cards from pressed flowers.

Twenty-sixth biennial California Writer's Club Conference will be held July 23-25 at Asilomar. For a brochure write California Writers Club, 2214 Derby St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Poetry Follies, featuring La Val's Open Mike Poetry Program, is on PCTV, Channel 29, Bay Cablevision on Fridays at 9:30 p.m. and Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Friday folk dance weekly at Albany YMCA 921 Kains near Solano. Meet great folks, fun, exercise. Beginners, families welcome. 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Information: 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7649. Everyone welcome.

Turning Point Career Center holds ongoing job-seekers' and career changers' workshops Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, through July 13. \$40/\$50. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Alta Bates Medical Center ongoing older adult services: Blood

pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1:20 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); 204-4475. LifeSpan exercise classes at South Berkeley Senior Center Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m., and at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, 10-11:15 a.m., 841-4741; Cal Adult Sports Program, "Keep Moving," Tuesday and Thursday, 9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m., 643-5151. 204-4475.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Summer hours through Labor Day: Wednesday: 9:30 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. 642-3343.

Improve your public speaking at a Berkeley Toastmasters club. Visitors welcome. Call 547-6355 for times and locations.

University Art Museum presents a summer animation workshop for children grades 4-9 Beginning workshop July 6-10. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$100. Advanced Workshop July 6-10

and July 12-16 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Grades 5-11 with previous experience or who have completed beginning workshop \$170. Classes will be in the Conference room of the University Art Museum 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Exhibits

New Pictures presents Music and Mexico quilts of Heather Urquhart and Nina Antes July 2-Aug. 4. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

"Sculpted by Fire" a photography exhibit by Richard Baker will run through August 7 at Refractions Exhibitions space for Photography, 600 San Pablo Ave. #105 Albany. Open Monday-Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. 527-8664.

"Non-Digital, Handmade Paintings" by John Sheridan will be shown at The French Hotel through July. Open 7 a.m.-11 p.m. 1538 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 527-4912.

Charlie Nothings artwork will be on display at Kenya Impex through out July. The store hours are: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening night July 8 6 p.m.-9 p.m. 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 549-9953.

"Oaxaca and Surrounding Villages" is an exhibit of color photographs by Jesse C. Rabinowitz at Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Through July 31. 849-0211.

"Oakland Mornings," paintings and drawings by Anthony Dubovsky, is at the Graduate Theological Union through July 2. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 649-2400.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: Jacob Landau's stained glass windows and drawings created in the 1960s-'90s, through Sept. 19; "Paintings with Light: Photographic Aspects in the work of E.M. Lilien," through Sept. 19. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

ACCI Gallery: "Form, Gesture & Animation" includes works by Kate Cameron, Bill Creitz and Glenn Spangler; "Fusion Fiber—Structure and Surface" is a multi-media fiber exhibition including works by Joy Stocksdale and Mary Gould. Through July 11. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Debtors Anonymous (East Bay) meets Thursdays, 8-9:30 p.m. for free/donation ongoing support, discussions and practical tips at Berkeley-Albany Recovery Center, 806 Bancroft Way, 548-2483.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step group for adults abused as children, meets Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Albany Senior Center, 2727 Church Ave. 929/841-8562.

TOPS — Take Off Pounds Smartly — meets each Monday at 9:30 a.m. at 980 Solano Ave., Albany. 527-8372.

Heart Talks are held the

Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Brookside Hospital Auditorium, 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo 7006.

Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Alameda. Call Wendy at 526-2721.

American Cancer Society support group for cancer patients and friends and family in North Berkeley free; six-week group for women in Northbrae Community Church. Grief and healing support groups in June at Berkeley Community Center. Call 800-933-4437.

Alzheimer's Association support groups throughout the Area. For information, call (800) 333-3333.

Brookside Hospital holding support groups — first Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; and fourth Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Cancer Ostomy, fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.; 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo 235-7006 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Other Dysfunctional) Families Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ashbury between Central and col, El Cerrito. Free.

Women's support group migraine sufferers meets monthly in Berkeley. Call Nancy at 800-933-3333 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Doctors Hospital Auditorium on Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. 2151 Appian Way, Pinole 5040. Asthma Support Group the third Monday of every month, 7 p.m. 741-2442.

Educational hotline for people experiencing impotence has been set up by West Contra Costa Family Group. Call 800-533-7373.

Cancer Support Group patients, caretakers, long-term survivors and friends; every other Friday 9:30-11 a.m. All Souls Episcopal Church, Spruce and Cedar, Berkeley. 845-9055.

Overeaters Anonymous (Cerrito) meets Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton. 273-2200.

Overeaters Anonymous (Berkeley) meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. free aid to those with eating problems, 8:30-10 a.m.; newcomers at 8 a.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 Church Ave. 929/841-8562.

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El Cerrito Newsline**Recycling Center experiences illegal dumping**

Lori Eattock

It's time to recycle your old phone book as new Bell Directory Smart Yellow Pages are currently being distributed.

Again this year the El Cerrito Recycling Center is collecting phone books at its drop-off site until July 22. Bring your phone book and deposit it in our marked "phone books." West Contra Costa County is the test ground for a statewide phone book recycling program coordinated by Keep California Beautiful.

The statewide Keep California Beautiful program has secured a market for phone books with telephone companies, a paper mill based in Seattle. Collected phone books will be dropped there to be made into new directories.

hours

Beginning today, July 1, the El Cerrito Drop-Off Recycling Center will change the hours it is open to the public. The new hours at the Drop-Off center will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The gate will be locked and the yard will be inaccessible during non-operation hours.

During the last few months the Drop-Off Center has been the site of the illegal dumping of garbage and hazardous materials. Please remember the Recycling Center only accepts sorted recyclable

materials for recycling — no garbage.

The illegal disposal of hazardous waste, which could easily include dangerous chemicals, poisons, and flammable liquids, jeopardizes the safety of those using the recycling center and the staff. We hope that by blocking the yard at night, the Recycling Center can continue to provide a safe, clean place for everyone to recycle.

Volunteer

The Recycling center is looking for volunteers to donate a few hours a week to assist and educate the public. Responsibilities may include helping people unload materials from vehicles and sort their recyclables into the proper bins, and giving out general information about recycling.

Volunteers would also direct those recycling used motor oil to sign the log sheet before depositing oil in the oil tank.

The Recycling Center received a grant to upgrade its oil tank. The construction is scheduled to begin early this month.

After the installation of the new oil tank, those leaving their used motor oil will be required to sign in, state the number of quarts they are recycling, and record their vehicle license number.

If you are interested in learning about recycling and exercising your "people" skills, consider joining the staff at the Recycling Center. Volunteer and make a real difference in your community. Please call Lori Eattock at 215-4350 for more information.

Gift idea

T-shirts, mugs, and canvas shopping bags are for sale at the Recycling Center Office and displayed in the front window. They are imprinted with the center's logo and motto, "Keep it in circulation!"

Small newspaper shows the way

The mighty Seattle Times, which had puffed up about its decision to reject tobacco advertising recently, has nothing on Alameda County's little Piedmonter.

The weekly paper started rejecting smoking ads more than six weeks ago after fifth-graders at Piedmont Elementary School wrote a bunch of letters to the editor.

Don McConnell, the paper's editor, said that the children were reacting to a Marlboro ad placed next to a soccer story. "You shouldn't even have your Marlboro Man in the paper," one young student wrote. McConnell said that though the

letters were probably a classroom exercise they reflected the honest feelings of the children.

He said the decision to invoke a ban was easy because families often move to Piedmont for its schools and children's activities are a focus of the paper. McConnell said the four other papers in the Oakland-based Hills Newspapers group followed suit the same month.

The papers serve Alameda, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany, Kensington and the Oakland hills as well as Piedmont.

The Hills chain used to run large Marlboro ads about once a month, McConnell said.

The Hills business manager declined to estimate how much money

the chain lost as a result of the decision.

The American Lung Association of Alameda County praised the Piedmonter, noting in a news release that most tobacco use begins in the teen years.

In another development in the war on smoking, the city of Fremont has adopted a tough new ordinance.

A member of the city clerk's staff said the action was taken last night by a vote of 4 to 1 with Mayor Bill Ball dissenting.

The ordinance bans smoking in all indoor public places except homes, hotel rooms, bars without restaurants, bowling alleys and bingo parlors.

BART General Manager Frank Wilson delivered some sad news to directors at their meeting last week, stating, "The owl has died and we ought to give it a proper burial."

Wilson was referring to BART's experiment of running trains into the early morning hours on weekends, dubbed the "Super Owl" service, which has turned out to be a dismal failure.

Wilson said that in order to break even, the Super Owl had to have 1,600 passenger trips per night, but the new service is only averaging a little over 200 passenger trips per night, well below 20 percent of the break-even point.

He said he plans to end the late-night service after the July Fourth weekend.

The Super Owl extends BART's normal closing by about

two hours, with the last train leaving San Francisco about 2:20 a.m. It is essentially a trans-bay express service, operating between the Orinda station and the Powell Street station in San Francisco, with stops at the MacArthur station in Oakland and the Embarcadero station in San Francisco.

Wilson said the noble experiment "was an idea that apparently was ahead of its time. The public wasn't ready for it." BART spokesman Mike Healy, who helped promote the service, said that although the owl is dead for now, "It's not extinct."

He said the idea will be reviewed again in the future and "may be brought back some day" when the district is in better financial shape.

Board President Nello Bianco, noting the district's projected \$7.5 million shortfall, said, "With the budget restraints we have, it's a good idea to terminate it at this time" but he would consider trying it again at another time.

Healy said this isn't the first time BART has unsuccessfully experimented with service into the early morning hours. He said that in the month following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, while the Bay Bridge was shut down for repairs, BART provided service 24

hours a day, stopping at all stations.

But, he said, "It was a very costly operation and there wasn't nearly enough ridership to justify continuing it." On a more positive note, Wilson reported that BART's new "Sunday Double Header" service has been fairly successful, averaging 86 percent of its break-even point of 2,400 new riders, and will therefore be continued.

The Sunday Double Header augments regular Sunday service, providing express service between

Girl Scout sale

Albany Girl Scout Troop 918 will hold a garage sale on Saturday, July 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1607 Marin Ave., Albany.

Items to be sold include books, small appliances, clothing, furniture, toys and other household items.

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Local hams occupy North Waterfront Park for a day

Radio enthusiasts enjoy annual communication skills practice

By Julie Freestone

It looked like a cross between a festive camp-out and a serious military maneuver, but in fact, the tents and antenna in North Waterfront Park this weekend represented the East Bay Amateur Radio club's participation in the American Radio Relay League's annual field day.

For 24 hours beginning Saturday morning at 11 a.m., dozens of local ham radio operators took turns contacting other amateur radio operators at 1,000 different stations across the country and in Canada, all part of the League's disaster preparedness efforts.

"The point is to demonstrate emergency communications, for us to stay in practice and let the public know about what we're doing," said Sharon "AA6XZ" Primsch, the field day coordinator for the club. Primsch pointed out that hams give up their last names in favor of radio call letters.

From three tents and a trailer at the Berkeley Marina, Primsch and the other hams used Morse code, voice contact, amateur television and computer contact to reach other locations, in a contest to see which station in the country could tally the most hits during the event.

"If it were a disaster, the most

important thing would be for us to help communications for the police and fire. We could also be helping with the logistics for shelters or sending messages," explained Primsch.

Hams are given high frequency radio bands for their use, Primsch explained.

During an emergency, when radio traffic on the regular bands gets clogged, the hams are able to supplement emergency communication systems. Berkeley fire stations have been equipped with special antennas to make it possible for local hams to help out during disasters.

The local club, which draws members from all over the East Bay, has 120 active members and is, according to Primsch, very involved in helping to teach the principles of amateur radio. Special training is provided for hams who intend to participate in emergency communications.

"Whiskey six, Charlie-Union-Sierra," said ham Sam Watson, contacting Wisconsin on Saturday afternoon and telling them, in code, that he was calling from the East Bay club.

At that point in the exercise, the club had contacted over 130 separate stations and Primsch expected that if her club didn't win the con-



Ham Ray Gillette tunes in during last weekend's radio communication event

test this year, they would come pretty close, as they have nearly every year since 1947. In those days, the equipment was bigger, but hams have frequently been on the leading edge of developing new radio technology.

To get ready for the field day, Primsch said the club worked for 12 hours, putting up antennas, pitching tents and getting the other equipment in place. At one point,

they even launched a kite to carry an antenna.

One tent was given over to food supplies, while a special vehicle held extra batteries to power the transmitters.

Gesturing at the dozens of back-up batteries standing in readiness to be used if the gas-powered generator failed, Primsch said, "The ham motto is 'keep your batteries charged'."

She said she carries her radio, with extra batteries, at all times, along with an emergency preparedness kit that even contains a two-day supply of food and an antenna.

A chemist, she and her husband became hams when he, a researcher for UC, was sent on assignment to Alaska and they decided it would be the cheapest way to stay in daily contact.

For more information about coming an amateur radio club, call the East Bay Amateur club at 233-7509.

Peace Corps alums gather at UC-B

Former volunteers in the Peace Corps, established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy to promote world friendship and peace through development efforts overseas, will reunite today through Monday for a conference at UC-Berkeley.

The focus of the National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will be the world's environmental crises.

The Peace Corps, which has fought ecological decline for decades, specially trains volunteers to help with conservation efforts in their host countries. It also recruits people with environmental skills.

The conference comes as a timely reminder of the work that dedicated volunteers can accomplish. President Bill Clinton often refers to the Peace Corps when he promotes his own national service program.

Carl Pope, who served in the Peace Corps in India and now is executive director of the Sierra Club, will be a keynote speaker at the Berkeley gathering.

Conference-goers also will do

environmental work on "Volunteer Day," Friday, July 2, tackling projects including a coastal cleanup and fire hazard reduction work in the East Bay.

"Environmental problems affect every country the Peace Corps has ever been in," said John Knapp, co-director of the conference and a former Peace Corps volunteer.

"Many times, people in the United States talk about the environment and what they're doing

but don't think about how the environment is viewed by the rest of the world. Having lived in another culture with the opportunity to see the world through someone else's eyes, Peace Corps volunteers can bring additional understanding to environmental issues," he said.

The Berkeley campus is an apt place for the conference, since it has given the Peace Corps more volunteers than any other college or university in the country. More than 3,000 UC-Berkeley students have joined the Peace Corps. They are part of a group of some 140,000 Americans that have served in 105 developing nations.

Greg Harrington, an assistant planner at UC-Berkeley and a returned Peace Corps volunteer, helped plan the July event and fought for years to bring the annual conference to the campus.

"I used to be a Peace Corps recruiter," he said, "and it speaks to the quality of Cal students that many of them are more interested in service than big salaries when they graduate. It says a lot about the way Cal prepares people to look at the global situation, the problems the world faces."

California has provided the Peace Corps with more volunteers than any other state — more than 18,000, a figure substantially greater than the state's proportion of the total national population. The Bay area has been a particularly rich source of volunteers, in part because of UC-Berkeley. In addition, the San Francisco area Peace Corps office has long been the most productive of all the agency's recruiting offices nationwide.

State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, a UC-Berkeley alumnus who was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia with his wife,

Patti, said the president ushered in "an era that stands for the very things the Peace Corps has always represented; concern for and determination to work with people in developing and troubled countries, as well as here at home; the desire to motivate and move people to want to participate and achieve goals; and a deep sense of duty to our country, and to the global village."

Garamendi, who will participate in the conference, said the Peace Corps continues to inspire him, along with his wife, to recruit new Peace Corps volunteers to help realize Clinton's "vision for national and international service."

The conference, with events at a number of locations across the campus, also will include workshops on environmental and global issues, a career fair, an art show by returned Peace Corps volunteers, an international and environmental film festival, a reception for local dignitaries, entertainment and food from around the world, and a "Grand Bazaar" of international exhibits.

At the field day, besides contact and Morse code hams, like Ray Gillette, were in a tent that sported a small video camera, pointed away from the direction of the water. The picture filmed was transmitted across the bay in Marin county.

Outside the tent, an antenna was set up to make it possible to communicate with an amateur satellite that would pass overhead the wee hours of the morning.

One of the important parts of the hams learn when they get FCC licenses and that they must as they transmit because signals bounce and which the day is best for reaching distant parts of the country.

Ham Bob Uhrhammer, a banyan resident who is a seismologist at Cal, explained in daylight hours, the frequency bands work better in sunlight helps them carry signals from the Morse code bounce more efficiently, so that local stations are much easier to reach.

Summing up the various practice event, Primsch said, "It's fun to see if we can communicate without support from the structure, to get the bugs out, to see what goes wrong."

For more information about coming an amateur radio club, call the East Bay Amateur club at 233-7509.

Berkeley Rep elects board

The trustees of Berkeley Repertory Theatre, the East Bay's largest performing arts organization, have elected a slate of officers to guide the professional theater company into its 26th season and beyond.

Carole Berg of Kentfield, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1987 and past board secretary, has been named President. Berg also has served as president of the Marin Symphony Association and is currently a trustee for numerous Bay Area arts organizations, including San Francisco Performances and the Marin Theatre Company.

Danville resident Rick Messman, a partner with Arthur Andersen & Co. (San Francisco) and a trustee of Berkeley Rep since 1989, has been reelected vice president.

Dale Affonso, a partner with KPMG/Peat Marwick (Oakland), will continue his post as board treasurer. A Piedmont resident, Affonso has been a Berkeley Rep trustee since 1990, and also serves as president of the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the East Bay and as treasurer of the East Bay Community Recovery Project.

Another Piedmont resident who has been a board member since

1990 is Dana Ralls, who was secretary. An active community worker for East Bay organizations, Ralls is board chair of California College of the Arts Crafts, and a member of the Land Museum's Women's Committee.

Berkeley resident Diane Knox, a clinical psychologist in practice, will chair the Committee on Trustees, charged with finding prospective board members, inviting members of the community to participate on the committee. The goal of the Committee on Trustees in the coming year is to broaden the geographic and diversity of the board, and to represent by gender business executives.

Under a board resolution established in 1986, trustees serve two consecutive three-year terms but they are eligible to remain on the board for a one-year hiatus. Rotating off the board this year are Richardson Jean Knox, past president, who served 13 years, and Robert Orinda, outgoing president, who served seven years as a trustee. Garrow of Antioch and Terri of San Francisco have completed their terms, serving six years, respectively.

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City Guides uncover new San Francisco

A friend who is a member of the City Guides of San Francisco recently gave us a tour through the magnificently restored Palace Hotel. It was breathtaking.

Most impressive were the care taken and enormous sums of money spent on details and just the right materials to restore it to the wondrous palace it had been—exactly the right stained and leaded glass, the cheaper, improper marble removed and replaced by the finer marble which had been used originally; those rather incredible crystal chandeliers which had never been taken down or cleaned, and on and on.

It being private tour, we were able to go into a room used for special parties, where the waiter was folding napkins. In quick, controlled movements, he showed us several ways of folding them in a matter of seconds.

And of course, it had to be tipped off with lunch in the gorgeous Garden Room.

But we were also impressed by the City Guides program of the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. The program is supported by the George Frederick Jewett Foundation, the San Francisco Hotel Tax fund and the Sheraton Palace Hotel.

City Guides "are volunteers who enjoy the city and its stories." They lead free walking tours June through September. "Let us share our knowledge and enthusiasm with you on these free tours" says the literature. They list

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



columns of tours, including "Art Deco Marina," "Cathedral Hill's Churches," "Gold Rush City," and many more. I intend to take the one that fascinates me—"Roof Gardens & Open Spaces," obviously a very popular tour because it is limited to 15 people and "No phone reservations, please."

The other things the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library do are very much the same as our own, except more so, of course. They also include Book Buddies, volunteers reading to hospitalized children, and a bookmobile for homebound elders.

I hope they are going to be able to continue such services after our new state budget goes into effect.

Norman Rasmussen has sent me copies of his new newsletter, "New Horizons." Aimed particularly at retired people, the newsletter is a treasure chest of travel items, financial tips, continuing education suggestions and more.

Rasmussen started the newsletter on an electric typewriter at his kitchen table. Retired as a clerk from the Hayward Municipal court, he had spent a great deal of time doing many of the things retired people do: attending lectures, taking Sierra Club hikes, finding low-cost, off-beat travel excursions, and even finding a part-time job doing records research. He says he enjoyed such experiences, but felt there was still something missing.

It is the creativity of the newsletter that fills the "missing" part of his life. He began by writing about his experiences, and inviting others to do the same.

The copy of "New Horizons" he sent me includes everything from notes on how the elderly do not necessarily decline and change with age; on reference resources; education items; travel tips; and even some recipes. It makes for very interesting reading for retired people and offers useful information for anyone looking for "meaningful experiences."

Rasmussen offers a complimentary copy to anyone who is interested; phone 834-8383.

The more I hear from you, my readers (bless you), the more I marvel at the creativity in each of us. As we read horror stories about education, the state of the world today, and all the rest of the things that are wrong with our world, I am heartened by the wealth of interest, thought, care and wonder that I hear about.

People suggest to me people who are making a difference in the schools; who are finding new ways of doing things, new ways of looking at things; who take delight in what they see and do; who are full of enthusiasm and delight—and oh, how we do need enthusiasm and delight and positive ideas.

I try to communicate my joy in all of this to you. It is my way of repaying you for all you do for me. Thank you.

Thank you, Norman Rasmussen, for sending me your very interesting newsletter. I hope it is going well. And, as usual, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.



Jeremy Easton and Christopher Lau Join the ranks of Eagle Scouts

City facilities benefit from Scout-initiated work projects

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Thanks to new Eagle Scouts Jeremy Easton and Christopher Lau, two community facilities in El Cerrito have a new look.

A prospective Eagle has to find a project that wouldn't be done otherwise and will constitute a service to the community. In addition, said Easton, "You have to do a lot of organizing — more than 100 scout hours."

For Easton, helping out at the community theater met all the criteria.

"I had considered some more 'generic' projects," he said. But while I was doing *West Side Story* (at El Cerrito High School), I learned that someone else had done a project at the Contra Costa Civic Theater. I talked to Matt Flynn (a member of the family that owns the theater), and he told me the back of the theater needed fixing up."

So Easton got about 30 members of Troop 104 together and got to work upgrading an addition to the back of the theater that houses the light controls.

Bringing it up to new fire codes meant ripping out materials under the building, putting up gypsum board and plywood, repouring concrete footings, restuccoing the piers.

Then, the whole room was painted.

"It's a bigger project than most," he said.

Easton especially liked the project because it was a lasting one — not subject to vandalism as many park renovation projects are. "I was really excited about it," he said. "It was something I'd (always) be able to see."

Lau's project also fit right in with his interests. This summer, for the third year in a row, he's working at the El Cerrito Community Center swimming pool. He's a lifeguard and also teaches classes.

So when it came time to choose an Eagle project, Lau knew just what to do.

Some of the equipment at the pool "wasn't presentable to the public," said Lau. "The diving board was rusty — we refurbished it. We repainted the board, the pool rack, the chairs. We restenciled the No Running and No Diving markings.

"I organized a work party of Scouts and friends; it took us about three days."

Both boys just graduated from El Cerrito High School. Easton was a CSF life member and was very active in music — playing the trumpet in the symphonic band, the marching band and the jazz ensemble. He was also one of two drum majors.

He enjoys singing and is active in his church choir which is currently touring Alaska. Drama has been a side interest — he sang in *Grease* and in *West Side Story*.

Last year, he served as a friend-

ship ambassador to Richmond's sister city, Shimada, Japan.

Next year, he'll attend U.C.L.A. as a Regent Scholar in mechanical engineering, with a side emphasis in the humanities.

Lau has been involved with the El Cerrito pool since he took swimming lessons when he was about 7 years old. He joined the El Cerrito Gators for a while, then the Golden Bear Swimming Club at UC-Berkeley. He came back to the community pool, though, as a member of the ECHS swim team.

He has worked on a number of service projects with other Eagle Scouts and has been active in the community in other ways — tree planting at the BART path, campaigning for President Clinton and for city council member Jane Barker.

At ECHS, he was co-president of the Asian Student Union.

Lau will be attending Cal Poly next year, majoring in civil engineering.

Both Easton and Lau have been active in Scouts since Cubs and have parents who were involved with them. Moms Shirley Easton and Lau were active in the Cub Scout dens; dads Steve Easton and Vincent Lau are assistant Scoutmasters in Troop 104.

Easton's brother Matt was also an Eagle Scout; he's now a senior at UC-Berkeley; Lau's sisters were active in Girl Scouts. Stephanie is now a student at Hayward State; Vivian attends ECHS.

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AUSD Notes

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education met to another full house June 22.

During other school board meetings, interest-based bargaining had been discussed. John Glaser, from CFIER (California Foundation for Improvement of Employer-Employee Relations), gave a presentation and answered questions about his organization.

Interest-based bargaining concentrates on "defining and attacking the problem and not the person." Using interactive presentations, participants work on relationships as well as negotiations.

Following the hour-long presentation and question-and-answer period, Supt. J. Dale Hudson asked how much the program would cost. Glaser estimated a cost of \$12,500 for the three-day workshop, with follow-up training at \$1,200 a day. The ideal number of participants, he said, would be about 30,

including as much of the board as possible, the ATA executive board, all school principals, all bargaining teams, key managers and professional staff supporting unions.

"What we are giving you," he added, "is a set of tools as opposed to a blueprint. Effective meetings become critical," as groups learn to manage time and "deal with difficult people."

After Glaser left, the audience participated in a discussion initiated by Boardmember Ed McManus about whether or not to have the training.

Most who spoke liked the idea. Boardmember Diane McNenny said she supported it and thought members of the bargaining units should form a committee to decide whether or not to hire CFIER.

A meeting time was discussed and the subject of parent involvement was mentioned.

Boardmember Alan Riffer suggested excluding parents to keep the size of the training down. The title of the agenda item, he said, was "Employer/Employee Relationship," which didn't include parents.

McManus was concerned legal issues could keep the different groups from bringing up important issues, although Gene Davis, AHS teacher, said he thought the contract would take care of that.

Boardmember Peggy Thomsen advised the district "to build and rebuild relationships in negotiations. For practicality sake, we need to start with a core group." It was decided not to include parents in the training workshop given by CFIER.

Other items:

- Sally Outis, Georgia Fujikawa and Jerry Brunetti, representing ABC for Schools, gave a donation of \$2,363.53. The money remained from the successful campaign to pass the bond measure.
- Sally Davis, director of the Children's Center, and Helen Laird, principal of Vista/

McGregor School, reported on the results of their \$15,000 grant from the State Department of Education, Child Development Division. Davis said the project was "a lot of fun, a pleasure." Laird explained the money was used for "classroom inquiry," study groups, teacher education meetings and two parent education classes. The second of these parent classes will be held in the fall and is open to parents of preschoolers through third graders. It will be taught by Margaret Simpson, and will be about children's books.

Davis concluded by saying this grant enabled them to "see the connection between preschool and elementary school. It has been very, very important."

- The 1993/1994 AUSD final budget was passed.
- A new director for the Albany Children's Center was appointed. Tedi Siminowsky will start as director Aug. 1, 1993.

Siminowsky is currently Child Development Services Coordinator at the U.S. Army Presidio in San Francisco. She began her career in education as a teacher in the Martinez Unified School District, where she taught kindergarten through sixth grade.

Siminowsky's biography, distributed to the board, included the statement that she believes "her best education has come from working with staff, parents, and children, and is committed to high quality, multicultural, and developmentally-appropriate child care programs."

Extensive interviews were held by a preliminary interview committee, which included Assistant Supt. Libby Heimbichner, as well as Helen Laird and various staff members of the Children's Center. They selected three candidates; the school board and superintendent made the final decision.

- Two new courses will be given at the high school this fall. AP English, taught by Karen Smith, will be the first AP English class ever taught at AHS. Smith said the class will offer students a chance to be challenged. A qualifying exam for entrance into the class was given in May. This course is considered an honors course.

Smith expressed her concern over the \$2,000 they will need for paperback books. Thomsen responded by saying she appreciated their methodology and thought the school board needed to help with the books.

Science 1 was next. This course and Biology 1 will be available fall 1993 to incoming freshmen. In fall 1994, only Science 1 will be available to freshmen because by then both Life Science and Biology 1 will have been phased out.

Davis spoke of a "whole new perspective on science education," with as a "fulcrum...to provide a program that excites, captures, engages all students at the ninth grade level and then

provide pathways that are meaningful to them." He said the goal is to "break down compartmentalization and give (the students) background and insights into the beauties and intricacies of science." This will provide the middle range students with more choices, but he added "We are committed to making Science 1 a challenging course for all students."

- AHS principal Virginia Behm answered questions following the first reading of the Mission Statement and Goals for AHS. Sally Outis expressed her concern about the way in which the high school goals related to the district-wide goals, and said she hoped the school board would "provide leadership and direction." McNenny also wondered what they should do with the statement and goals, and she thought they seemed "isolated."

Behm explained that the district goals are no longer acceptable as site-based goals and that it was part of the WASQ process to develop goals.

The Mission Statement is: "The mission of Albany High School is to educate and inspire each student for full participation in a changing, global society through meaningful learning experiences that value our diverse student population and that

promote individual excellence and positive contributions to the community." This is followed by a listing of 11 goals.

- Supt. Hudson reported on the acquisition of portables for AUSD. The district will buy eight new portables. One will go to Cornell School, one to adult education, six to AMS. One of the 6 at AMS will house bathrooms.

The three portables already at AMS will be relocated to Cougar Field for McGregor High. The bathroom portable will be on the field at the middle school, behind the gym. The other five will be in the parking lot in front of the school, with a space left for a sixth, if it is needed. The portables will start at the front curb and extend over the opposite curb. They will be 30 feet by 32 feet and will not be linked.

In answer to a question about the AMS schedule for next year, Hudson said he was not sure about the exact schedule. He said, however, there will not be a double session.

- The high school modernization project has run into an unexpected problem — the discovery of some sort of 1,000 to 2,000-gallon fuel tank, probably full. This will have to be moved and will delay the project, and cost the district more money.

Church Notes**By Dawn Frasier**

a.m. during July.

- James Coburn, former chairman of the board of directors of the Northern California/Nevada Conference and board member of the United Church of World Ministries will speak at "Mission to the Wider World" July 25 at 11:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Coburn will focus on the church's mission programs and the results of One Great Hour of Sharing.

The church is located at 26 Channing Way.

- An orientation class for prospective new members is scheduled for July 11 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave. The class will be held in Pastor Tom McKnight's office at 11:30 a.m. Corporate worship begins at 10 a.m.

- The high school Newcomer Choir of First Presbyterian Church, 2407 Dana St., is currently touring Alaska for several weeks. Back at home, Chancel Choir will perform Pops Concert Saturday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 18 at 1 p.m. A fun evening is planned. The concert is free, though a freewill offering will be taken.

Sunday services are scheduled this summer for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Cerrito High School to remain from a dangerous campus at a monad. "Who can I turn to now?"

She left the meeting after than an hour, as the participants continued to debate possible strategies. Some suggested a march to mourn the tragic young lives lost. Some urged to work one-on-one with your people to show them a way to violent and destructive live.

Minister Kenneth Nelson of the panel members, said speakers he said were pointing fingers at others and looking for solutions to problems that have been decades in the making.

"People have been saying in the window, close the door, not bothering me," Nelson said. "But now they're in your yard, what is it that you do?"

Richmond parents lament dangers to children**Bay City News**

A Richmond mother arrived at a downtown community meeting Tuesday clutching the dark blue sweatshirt her son was wearing when he was shot in the back Sunday as he fled from attackers who were trying to steal his car.

Like the rest of the crowd of about 100 Richmond residents who turned out for the NAACP-sponsored meeting, the mother was looking for some way to halt the nightmare of violence that has engulfed the city since Friday.

She wanted to know why the shirt, pierced with a bullet hole surrounded by dried blood, had not been taken as evidence by police investigating the shooting of her 20-year-old son.

Her son, who survived the assault, now fears he might have to stay inside the family house until he leaves in two weeks for an Army tour of duty in Germany. Her cousin

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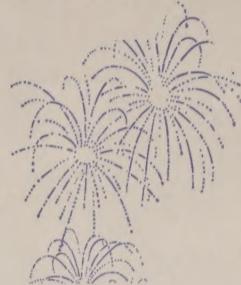
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What is this rule?

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By Richard Fishman, President RAF Mortgage, 1722 Solano Avenue, Berkeley, 528-0767.

NEW ALBANY CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 6, 1993,
Albany City Hall office hours will be:

Monday 8:30- 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30-12:00 noon

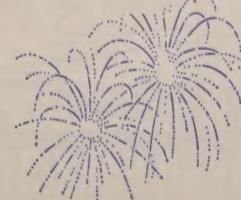
The following departments are affected:

Administration & Personnel, City Clerk, Finance & Administrative Services, Planning, and Public Works office staff (including Building Inspection).

The following departments are not affected:
Fire, Police, Recreation & Community Services, and Public Works Street & Parks crew.

If Monday is a holiday, City Hall will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

For more information, call Administration at 528-5710.



Albany Chamber of Commerce

Get ready to celebrate July Fourth at Memorial Park

Fern Luoma

As Albany families look forward to Sunday's July 4th celebration at Memorial Park, many groups are busy preparing for special events to occur on that day.

Families may start the day with a special price of \$6 per family at the Albany Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast served from 7:30 to 11 a.m. near the Albany Little League refreshment booth. The menu consists of pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, milk, tea and coffee, according to cochairmen Fred Runnion and Dr. Art Longpre. Non-families will donate \$3.50 each for adults and \$2 for children under 10. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Avenue.

The popular watermelon-eating contest scheduled for noon will be under the supervision of the club's newly elected president, Robert Nichols. During the afternoon hours club member George Snidow will oversee the dunk tank which brings much amusement to spectators and "dunkees".

For an afternoon refreshment be sure to visit the booth manned by Friends of Albany Seniors who will offer their famous polish sausage with all the trimmings including sauerkraut. The sausage price will remain at \$2 and soft drinks will be 75 cents.

Following the watermelon contest, the Albany Chamber of Commerce will distribute free ice cream cups to children. The Chamber will have a table selling "Albany California" T-shirts, sweatshirts and Albany caps.

The newly designed T-shirts will be sold at \$10 for adult sizes and \$8.50 for children's sizes. Sweatshirts will be specially priced at \$15 for this day only. Albany Recreation Supervisor

Theresa Brand has arranged for many other booths and continuous entertainment.

Albany Lions Club and Golden Gate Lioness Club Installations

Albany Lions and Golden Gate Lioness Clubs held their installation for the 1993-94 officers last month, the Lions Club at the Casablanca Restaurant and the Lioness Club at the Albany Senior Center.

Sixty Lions and guests gathered June 18 with retiring president Richard Sanderson presenting awards to club members for special service prior to installing the new officers. Sanderson praised club members for their work on the new Albany Teen Center, Christmas in April, Ohlone Greenway planning and other projects. He mentioned how the club donates American flags to the Chamber of Commerce for the Buchanan Street Overpass, the July 4th pancake breakfast and participation in the Solano Avenue Stroll.

Receiving the Lion of the Year award was Dr. Art Longpre.

Recognition for Outstanding Dedicated Service was given to Fred Runnion; Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Ralph Leon and Al Caruso.

Newly elected president Robert Nichols presented Sanderson a Year of Dedicated Service Plaque and a past president's badge. All of the 1992-93 officers and board of directors members were given certificates of appreciation.

Beginning his acceptance speech, Nichols told of his first meeting with the club was when he was a student speaker contestants when he was in high school. In September the club will celebrate its 50th year of service to the Albany community.

Dierdre Wallace and Jeff Butler display the latest Albany fashion; buy them at the Chamber office for \$10

Nichols praised guest Bill Lewis for spearheading the Albany Teen Center project. Lions assisting in the project were Dr. Art Longpre, Bob Luoma and Dr. Robert Uhrhammer, to name a few. Nichols recognized a new beginning for the coming year mentioning the club will continue to support local projects as in the past. He will strive to maintain Lions traditions for community service.

In conclusion he reminded members to rise to the community needs, maintain our sense of family and have fun in the ensuing year.

Serving the 1993-94 term will be president Nichols; first vice president, Uhrhammer; second vice president, Elwood Bridges; secretary James Humphrey; treasurer Roger Dunham; tail twister, Carl Gragsby; and Lion Tamer, Desie Bibb. Board of directors will be Dr. Longpre, Hubert Call, J. Henry Kruse, Fred

Runnion, and Charles McCain.

The Lioness Club gathering took place June 23 with more than 40 people in attendance. Outgoing president Mary Flynn welcomed everyone, recapped the 1992-93 year and made presentations to outgoing officers.

Zelda Humphrey was named "Lioness of the Year." Incoming president Roselyn Perry presented Flynn a president's plaque for outstanding service for the past year. She then gave Albany Lions Club liaison to the club, Bob Flynn, and Mary each a bottle of champagne. Newly elected officers are Perry, president; Laura Washington, first vice president; Mary Flynn, secretary; Gwen Miller, treasurer; Sudaka Kinoshita, tail twister and Gladys Campbell, tamer. Board members include Ruth Call and Humphrey. The new liaison from the Lions Club is Elwood Bridges.

Al Caruso and Associates recently enlarged their facilities

to better serve their clients. The expanded office space is now, 2,000 square feet, is next door to the present location. The addresses are 367 and 371 Colusa Avenue in Kensington. The office now includes six computer work stations.

Albany Chamber of Commerce president Deirdre Wallace and vice president Jeff Butler show the new design for "Albany California" T-shirts now selling at the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Avenue. The shirt is a Hanes shirt, 50 percent cotton and 50 percent polyester and sells for \$10.

Refrigerator competition results in

A group of utilities — including Pacific Gas and Electric Co. announced in Boston that Whirlpool Corp. is the winner of a \$30 million contest to develop a more energy-efficient refrigerator.

According to the Super Efficient Refrigerator Program, appliance maker's design contains no ozone-damaging chlorofluorocarbons and exceeds 1993 federal energy efficiency standards by 50 percent.

The company will reap cash as it brings its design to the marketplace, probably by 1994, according to SERP.

The group says the prize money will be used to defray manufacturing costs and keep the price of new technology down to the level of current refrigerator prices.

According to SERP, 24 public and private utility companies combined efforts and spent \$150,000 and \$7 million each put together the contest.

PG&E spokesman Paul Wallace says the northern California utility was one of the largest participants in funding the contest because it had the most customers. He has no plan in the works yet to include these new appliances in its utility's rebate program. He said that the lower-than-market cost of the SERP refrigerators and electricity cost savings will be a boon to customers.

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California's crop was the pits

While gently squeezing some produce at a recent pilgrimage to the Jack London Square Farmers' Market, a fellow produce prospect turned to me and asked curiously, "Where can I find cherries today?"

"Washington state," was my quick and honest reply. She scurried away before I could properly explain.

Our local cherry crop had the life span of a Hollywood love affair, here this morning, gone by martin time. Sure, we got some Bing wanna-bees, the Burlat variety, among others. But when it came time for the headliner to make its entrance, the stage was empty. This year's cherry crop was slim pickin's, indeed.

As consumers, we get spoiled. The bins at our local stores are always filled with the newest arrivals for any given season. Aren't they? Well, no. What we often fail to realize is a simple fact of agricultural life. Produce grows in dirt, out in the open air, and is susceptible to all the elements. Sometimes the crop is abundant, but other times the crop, "she's notta so hot!"

Inclement early spring weather lessened the crop in a couple of ways. First, it just physically damaged existing tree blossoms. Second, it inhibited our winged friends, honey bees, from properly performing their pollinating duties.

If that weren't bad enough, the liquid sunshine we experienced around Memorial Day caused the cherries to split and crack from excessive moisture.

Project to link highways 13 and 24 starts next April

By Lisa Sargent

Construction of two connectors between highways 13 and 24 is scheduled to begin next April, said Caltrans senior transportation engineer Jeet Aulakh.

The \$20 million project, expected to take two years, will create direct interchanges between northbound 13 and westbound 24 toward the Bay Bridge, as well as between eastbound 24 and southbound 13.

Currently commuters on northbound 13 must use east 24 and a freeway overpass to reach west 24. From eastbound 24, cars must use a road adjacent to Lake Temescal to reach southbound 13.

Originally proposed in 1971, plans for the interchange project, which also includes a bike path alongside Lake Temescal, were revealed at a public meeting in March 1991, as reported in The Montclarion.

Construction was scheduled to begin late this year, but the proximity of the Hayward Fault necessitated extra time and research for completion of the plans, said Aulakh.

"We've had three public meetings, and the project has been well received," said Aulakh. "Although some had concerns, overall we had a positive response. People are anxious for this to be started."

In addition, Caltrans is advertising a separate landscape project along Chabot to replant trees lost in the 1991 hills fire. "The vegetation helps to provide a visual screening from the freeway like that which existed before the fire," said Ernie Satow, Caltrans chief of project development.

While some residents have objected to the proposal, most appear to be looking forward to the changes.

"It will be beneficial to me," said Oakland resident Denise Witzig. "Oftentimes I don't use 13 because it is so convoluted to get off and get back on."

"I would imagine that traffic will be heavy during the building but it will help to clear things up in the long run," said Oakland resident Heather Yates.

Although traffic will be allowed to drive through most areas of con-



Produce Profiles
■ GUIDO THE GARDENER

That's the bad news. The good news is that Washington state, which is bigger player in the cherry game, is supposed to have a very good crop this season.

Last week I saw the first Washington state Bing cherries in the wholesale market and this week the supply has expanded and dropped in price. Those pluses should be felt soon in our neighborhood markets.

When selecting Bing cherries, the color is the key. A dark mahogany color is the best. And how do you know if they have weathered a storm? A small scar around the stem shaped like a half-moon is usually the tip-off. Those cherries so "branded" taste the same to me. They just don't look as pretty.

Seems like this is "Washington Week." Asparagus from our northern neighbor is becoming the only game in town. The CA-originated samples are looking more pale white than green and pretty woody to boot. Pay your final respects to the local, abundant season, then reach for a bunch from Washington. If it's not labeled, ask.

Guido the Gardener, aka Mark Ferro, is with the wholesale produce division of Whole Foods. Do you have a produce question? Write to Guido in care of Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, 94611.

New York Times Magazine Crossword Puzzle

LOVE — AMERICAN STYLE?

BY ALEX K. JUSTIN/EDITED BY EUGENE T. MALESKA

A C R O S S	52 Explosive trio	95 Type of toothpaste	5 Sweetheart, briefly
1 Ensnare	53 Forward letters	96 Overenthusiastic	6 Celebrity Colloq.
6 Diners' protectors	55 Tony winning choreographer	97 Soup scoop	7 Newton or Stern
10 Feast of Lots	56 Gary or Mary	100 Metallic wrap	8 It follows beach, ski, surf and tennis
15 Start of corner or pillar	57 Cotswold	101 — out (just get by)	9 Small barracuda
20 Stately potato?	59 "Rocket Man" singer	102 Part of B.A.	10 Involving the kneecap
21 "The jig —"	60 Supported in a	103 Actress McClurg	11 Heep's adjective for himself
22 Kind of acid	61 Son of God	104 Serenata	12 Cambodian's 100 sen
23 Rodgers': "There Is Nothin' Like —"	62 Part 4: Their post-reception status	105 Enero or febrero	13 Part of M.I.T.
24 Part 1: Where they met	66 Snowy clothing	106 Obligation	14 Part 7: — law, possible cause for their breakup
26 Maximally	67 A.E.S. defater:	107 "Yes —"	15 Post exchange
27 "Ora pro —"	68 Eliminate	108 Sammy Davis' autobiography	16 Revere
28 Jannings or Ludwig	69 Cooling-off period	109 Weary looking	17 No-no
29 Memorabilis	70 Bruno V.I.P.	110 Part 2: Where they got engaged	18 Give vent to
30 Part 9: In 82 Across they swore	71 Doctor's prescription	111 "...ard, is Matt."	19 It's between kohph and sin
33 State flower of N.H.	72 Nasser's successor	112 More macabre	20 Lead ore
35 Despicable	74 The movies	113 Part 6: Days —, from 24 Across to 82 Across	21 Like Pisa's tower
36 Part of a C.S.A. hero's signature	75 Nursery-rhyme pair	114 To 82 Across	31 Terminated
37 Sliding piece of machinery	76 Eucharistic service plate	115 Post exchange	32 Eero Saarinen's father
40 Pro — (for the time being)	77 Flatware item	116 — a manger (dining room)	34 Take — the lam
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Agency approves traffic flow improvement project

Bay City News

Traffic may start flowing a little smoother around the Bay area now that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has approved over \$8 million worth of federal and state funding for 42 traffic signal improvement projects over the next three years.

"In many cases, these are projects that have been deferred by cities strapped for funds," said Jane

Baker, chairwoman of the Commission and mayor of San Mateo.

The funds derive from the Regional Traffic Signalization and Operations Program, which is designed both to smooth traffic flow and to reduce pollution.

A breakdown of recipients follows:

* San Francisco's four projects will receive \$1.65 million.

* Alameda County's 11 projects total \$1.6 million.

* Contra Costa County and six of its cities will get \$722,000.

* Santa Clara County will garner \$356,400 for two Sunnyvale projects.

* Marin County projects will get \$712,000, Sonoma County \$233,000, and the city of Napa \$303,700.

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Hormone doctors debate importance of shortness

A Stanford University ethics scholar urges doctors to re-examine what conditions they should treat, as a recent study on treating short children with hormones rekindled debate on what medicine should cure.

The debate surrounds a National Institutes of Health study involving an attempt to make short children taller by injecting them with human growth hormone.

Barbara Koenig of the Center for Applied Ethics says illnesses and various human conditions are defined by society and cultures and in reality, what is considered ill-health is a very complex issue.

"It's not a simple yes or no," she said.

A definition of a disease is "not a given from the natural world. Something is only a disease in a particular context."

Koenig said, "Shortness is considered a disadvantage in an American context, but may not be in another culture. A definition of disease is a concept that changes constantly."

According to a professor of pe-

diatrics at the University of California at San Francisco, this new rendition of the study is more scientifically valid because of the presence of a control group, which is being given injections of saline solution.

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Citizen input wanted by waterfront group

The city-appointed Albany Waterfront Committee is seeking input from citizens on the kind of park the people of Albany would like to have at the waterfront.

Last year, the state legislature passed AB754, a bill giving the East Bay Regional Park District responsibility for acquisition, development, and operation of a new Eastshore State Park. The state has approximately \$40 million to use to create this park, which will include waterfront land in Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany and Richmond.

These funds will be used to purchase land currently owned by the Catellus Development Corporation (formerly Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation) and to develop this land into a park.

It must be emphasized that the East Bay Regional Park District has prime responsibility for acquisition and development of the park. While the City of Albany does not have control over this process, providing the park district with a "wish list" proposal will be of value to the district as it begins its planning process.

The Albany Waterfront Committee is now preparing a draft proposal for Albany's portion of the park. The draft proposal will be

submitted to the City Council sometime later this year. Following further public review and adoption by the City Council, the proposal will be presented to the park district.

Guided public tours of the Waterfront will be held Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. beginning at the eastern end of the neck.

If you would like to visit the waterfront, but none of the times above is convenient, call Bob Arnold at 527-7686 to find out about future guided tours. At present, access to the neck and bulb is restricted by city ordinance to guided tours only.

A short video about the waterfront, produced by the committee, is available for checkout from the Albany library and City Hall, where Citizen Questionnaires are also available.

You may arrange for a special showing of the video at a meeting of your service, social or community group by calling Victoria Wake at 528-6250 or Anne Foreman at 527-5741.

The committee is now soliciting comments on its draft concept plan for the proposal and will give careful consideration to all suggestions submitted.

California bank fees higher than average

A report released by the California Public Interest Research Group and a national consumer group documents significant increases in bank fees for consumer checking and savings accounts since 1990. The study compares the fees of 300 banks in 23 states.

"The bankers have their hands deep in our wallets at the same time that they're paying us pennies for interest," said Michael Tertes, a CALPIRG spokesperson. "The banks are robbing consumers."

"California residents pay some of the highest fees in the country," added Tertes. "The survey ranks California among the country's worst states for consumers."

Among the California findings:

- Regular checking account balances to avoid fees averaged \$757, or 36 percent higher than the national average. NOW account balances to avoid were 50 percent higher than the national average, at \$1,530.

- ATM network withdrawal fees averaged \$1.31, or 38 percent higher than the national average fee.

"Oregon and Washington consumers, on the other hand, have among the lowest fees reported," Tertes said. "What's worse is that very few California banks offered a basic or no-frills checking account to offset their high cost regular and NOW checking accounts."

Among the principal national findings of the report:

- The average cost to maintain a NOW interest bearing checking account grew by 22 percent nationally to \$197, from 1990 to 1993. Monthly account fees, a key part of that cost, increased 27 percent to \$7.56.

- The average cost nationally to maintain a regular checking account grew by 18.5 percent to \$184/year, from 1990-1993.

Key parts of that cost were average bounced check fees, which rose 21 percent, to \$18, and average ATM charges, which rose 37 percent, to 98 cents.

- Consumers with savings account balances of \$200 lose an average of \$23/year. Lower balances lose more money. Monthly fees for

savings accounts went up 33 percent to \$28.44 from 1990 to 1993.

- The cost of using ATMs increased nationally by 34 percent, to 95 cents, for local networks and by 55 percent, to \$1.10, for national networks.

- Some banks offer an no-frills alternative to regular checking, but its average cost, \$136/year, is out of reach of many consumers.

The report was co-released with Consumer Action and the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C. "This is outright price gouging by the banking industry," charged Chris Lewis, director of Banking Policy at the Consumer Federation of America. "Clearly, account fees are consuming more and more of a consumers' bottom line income."

"We recommend that consumers shop around. Be wary of NOW accounts, unless you can regularly maintain the balance to avoid fees," added Tertes. "Credit unions are a good alternative to banks, if you qualify for membership."

He added. "These results show it's time for fundamental reform. The Congress should establish a watchdog Financial Consumers Association, modelled after the several successful state utility CUBS. We also urge the Congress to enact a lifeline banking law now," added Lewis of the CFA."

Mandating lifeline checking, or basic banking, will lower the prohibitive fees of the bank's no-frills accounts which continue to be falsely advertised as lifeline accounts.

The report was based on data compiled in April by PIRGs and CFA member groups in 23 states.

CALPIRG is a consumer and environmental advocacy group with over 70,000 members.

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MARTIN SNAPP

Sacred Honor: Let me wish you a happy Independence Day. As John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable day in the history of America. I believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival."

Yes, he said July 2, not July 4. July 2 was the day that the Continental Congress approved the motion by Light Horse Harry Lee of Virginia (father of Robert E. Lee) which read, "Resolved: That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."

July 4 was just the day they approved the press release.

But what a press release! The job of writing it was assigned to a committee of Adams, Franklin and Jefferson. But the job quickly fell to Jefferson alone because Adams vetoed Franklin and himself. He turned thumbs down on Franklin because "If we let him write it, he'll probably put a joke in somewhere."

And he disqualifyed himself for image reasons, explaining to Jefferson, "I am obnoxious, suspected and unpopular. You are very much otherwise."

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By the way, they didn't sign the Declaration on July 4, either. They signed it on Aug. 2, solemnly pledging to each other "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

And they weren't kidding. They all knew that if they lost the war, every man in that room would be hanged as a traitor. Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, who was (to put it mildly) rather plump, turned to Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, who was on the skinny side, and said, "I'll have an easier time of it than you, because my neck will be broken in an instant, while you'll be kicking in the air for a half hour."

And when John Hancock gave a little pep talk to the group, saying, "We must all hang together," Franklin cracked, "Yes, or we shall all hang separately."

But, of course, they didn't hang. They won the war and created a country that, for all its many faults, is still (as Lincoln put it) "the last, best hope of mankind."

Unfortunately, as happens with so many successful revolutionaries, once they took over they started fighting among themselves. Adams and Jefferson became bitter enemies and didn't speak to each other for years.

But in their old age they mellowed, and the two started corresponding again. They buried the hatchet so thoroughly that as Adams lay on his death bed, his last words were "Thomas Jefferson still lives!"

Ironically, Jefferson had died earlier that same day. The date was July 4, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

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And what happened to the document itself? For the first 150 years it shuttled between various government departments, where it was treated to varying degrees of neglect. For a long period it hung on a wall opposite a large window, which exposed it to "the chill of winter and the glare and heat of summer." Later, it was kept in a room at the State Department where smoking was allowed.

Then there were the many attempts to make engraved copies, the most famous one being back in 1823. The state of the art being what it was, each copy lifted a minute bit of ink off the document.

By the 1920s the Declaration was all but unreadable. So it was removed to the Library of Congress, where it was hermetically sealed between two plates of glass and hidden from direct sunlight to prevent further damage. It stayed there until World War II, which it spent squirrelled away at Fort Knox (in case the Germans or the Japanese invaded Washington).

After the war, a big debate ensued: Where to put the Declaration? Back at the Library of Congress? Or at the new National Archives building that was being built?

Both sides lobbied like mad. Finally, in 1952, the Archives won. Chief Archivist Wayne C. Grover convinced the powers-that-be with what was an irrefutable sales pitch back in the '50s: namely, that the Archives could better survive a direct hit in case of nuclear war.

Amidst much pomp and ceremony, the Declaration (along with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights) was formally transferred to the Archives on Dec. 13, 1952. Grover was beaming over his triumph. And the loser, Librarian of Congress Luther Evans, was a good sport about it — except for this limerick he composed for the occasion:

There once was an agency rich
Whose head had a terrible itch
To take all records over.
His name it was Grover,
A two-fisted son of a bitch.

* * *

Another national treasure that's had some rough handling over the years is the original Star-Spangled Banner, the huge American flag that inspired Francis Scott Key when he saw it flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. It's on display at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., but only for 15 seconds each hour. The rest of the time, it's hidden behind a wood panel.

The reason: They cleaned the flag about eight years ago, and they found it was impregnated with billions and billions of tiny bits of blue cotton.

From where? From the Levi's worn by generations of museum visitors. Each time they took a step, one pant leg would brush against the other and poof! A few microscopic blue fibers would fly into the air, eventually settling on Old Glory.

As a Smithsonian curator once told me, "We call it 'The Attack of the Killer Blue Jeans.'"

Independence forever!

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Businesses

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and a half, said Kegel, adding that the economic recession has a lot to do with that. ("Despitewhat they're saying in Washington," he says, "I don't see the economy improving in the next two to three years.")

But the arrival of two major video stores in the immediate area — one in the same shopping center, one several blocks away — didn't help.

"Our clientele's been very loyal," said Kegel. "A lot of people go out of their way to support small businesses." It hasn't been enough, though. For a while now, it's been a matter of minimizing losses rather than increasing profits.

So Kegel has decided to close up shop. Not surprisingly, he has some strong feelings about El Cerrito's current business strategy.

"They appear to be trying to make El Cerrito a (regional) shopping center," said Kegel. "It's never going to be that. He believes, in fact, that some of the new developments that appear to be successful are only temporary.

"I think Target was a mistake," he said. "They're successful now, but more than 50 percent of their business comes from Richmond. Down the road, Richmond will develop Macdonald Avenue, and residents will want to shop there. Target will be hurting — and in the meantime, small El Cerrito businesses will have gone out of business.

A better strategy, Kegel believes, would be for the city of El Cerrito to give active, energetic support to its small businesses.

For one thing, he'd like to see the planning department offer businesses the opportunity to give input when a competitive business moves into the immediate neighborhood, testifying as to whether the area has enough available business to support two similar shops.

"They say it's free enterprise," said Kegel. "But our economy is not free enterprise. It's a controlled economy, and we're going about controlling it in the wrong manner."

One trouble, he believes, is with a lack of consistency in policy and "a lack of accountability at City Hall."

When he says "they", for example, he's not quite sure where the decisions lie — with the City Council, the planning staff, the redevelopment agency?

"The city governs by committee," he said. "And a committee is the worst forum for decision-making."

Ideally, Kegel would like El Cerrito to strengthen its leadership — specifically, by electing a mayor that represents the electorate's interests and making the mayoral position a paid one.

He believes that would provide accountability to city staff. He also believes the position would support the vision El Cerrito's citizens — many of whom do not participate in programs like Project Listen — have for their city.

Other business owners may feel more positively about the coming of large businesses into the city. But they seem to agree that the city should also support its own.

Library

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made with no firm figures in. But while no system plan has been developed, several reduction options are under consideration, Baker said. Among them are a reduction in open hours at both the county library and the 21 branch libraries.

That might mean reduced open hours each week, a major reduction in staff, and a reduction in children's programming and purchasing funds for new materials. When the projected scenario last March was that the budget would be reduced by 39 percent, for example, the county considered reducing all branch hours from perhaps 40 hours weekly to 20.

Despite a lack of sufficient information, Baker said the county staff is at least sure of one thing — it wants to keep all the branches open. "We're looking more at reducing hours at all the branches — not at the outright closing of specific branches," she said.

In the meantime, people keep asking what to expect.

Focus on small business

Jewel Bleckinger, who with her husband Chuck owns Bleckinger's Pro Tennis Shop, also believes that El Cerrito should put more energy into supporting the businesses it already has.

"One has to be realistic," she said. "The chains are here. Now we should take advantage of traffic going up and down San Pablo Avenue. The city should bring more focus to small businesses along the Avenue."

Like many small business owners, Bleckinger says the economy has hurt everyone. But she also believes those businesses have something to offer that the bigger stores don't — personal service.

"Many people frequent large stores, but there's a growing interest in returning to the smaller stores," she said. "In a large store, you go up to a shelf and grab what you want. I think people are still looking at the personal service (found in a small shop). In addition to getting a good buy, they want to feel the person really appreciates that dollar spent."

Bleckinger prides herself on knowing her customers and her needs. She will also refer them to another business if she doesn't have what they need. She's found that builds up a trust and familiarity that will bring them back the next time. It's worked for 20 years; she's now serving third generation customers.

It's trust and familiarity she wishes the city would work on — perhaps organizing an annual celebration, perhaps educating the citizenry about El Cerrito's "incredible history" through media and other efforts.

"Sales days will built up a one or two day interest," she said. "Let's give people something that will keep bringing them back to El Cerrito."

"Chain stores are here. You can't make them go away. But you can use them, capitalize on them," she said. Ron Codron, who owns the Abbey Carpet franchise store in El Cerrito, agrees.

"The more the merrier," he says. "The stores like Home Depot do our advertising for us, bringing more people into town, driving down San Pablo Avenue (our stores)."

For Codron, too, service is the key. "Where you have discount stores, there's ordinarily a large drop-off in service," he said. "Everyone talks about service, but it's truly rare when you get it." Do-it-yourselfers may head for the discount stores, he said. But for quality, he figures they'll turn to the store where they can find 20 years of experience offered — rather than talking about carpeting with a teenaged clerk.

But Codron is participating in a new coalition of small business owners recently formed at the instigation of Ed Kneip of El Cerrito Lighting. Though at its first meeting Codron shared his thoughts on the benefits of new business coming to town, he's still agreed to serve on its steering committee.

"Working together has its own benefits," he said. "When you band together and help your neighbor, it can't be a mistake."

As for mistakes, he does lay one major mistake at the door of the city — the "questionable operation of

El Cerrito Plaza over the years."

"It was the jewel of the East Bay 20 years ago. Now it looks like a '50s monster."

While he realizes the property is privately owned, Codron believes the city "should have more control over it" to keep the Plaza attractive.

"No one wants to go to Hilltop or to Oakley," he said. "They'd rather go to El Cerrito."

The elderly centers (brought in by Rite Aid), the Home Depots and Targets are good," he said. "I'd rather see a Nordstrom's or a Macy's in El Cerrito Plaza — we've missed the boat right."

Getting organized

As for the small businesses, they're organizing themselves to provide a viable alternative to customers coming into El Cerrito.

When Mayor Mae Ritz who, along with City Manager Gary Pokorny and Community Development Manager Patrick O'Keeffe, attended the first meeting of the new group, she heard a lot of concern.

"It's been very difficult for them, and I understand for what they're going through," she said.

"I've lived in El Cerrito for 30-plus years. The established business owners are my friends. I wanted to show them that as a friend, a neighbor, I'm happy to support them. But I know what the city can do."

On the other hand, Ritz believes the businesses do something to help themselves and found the meeting to be positive.

"They wanted to see if they could turn the advantage of the traffic coming into the city to big business as the enemy," she said.

"They were (looking to) work with the new businesses and position themselves to take advantage of some of the things that will take place in the future."

While Ritz believes the city cannot be afraid of strategizing sessions, she said she was open to suggestions.

She said the emphasis at the meeting was on giving attention to what small businesses have done like an owner out on the floor, meeting others, offering personal, experienced service developing strategies.

"They were all trying to be real positive, feeling that there are only so many customers around," she said. "They're searching for a way along with the large chain stores and still be successful in their businesses. It's extremely difficult."

Difficult it may be — and some stores, in fact, are well-liked in the community — just difficult to make it. But Bleckinger, for one, believes that together, many small businesses will succeed.

"We're here; we want to stay," said Bleckinger.

And like Kegel, she's found the loyalty that people want to keep us here too; they just can't leave their own."

shortfall."

In support of her statement, Gold compared Costa Library funding to libraries in the Bay Area generally. According to Gold, the average library expenditure is \$38.90 in the Bay Area and \$15.43 in the Contra Costa County Library.

Average materials expenditure per capita as compared to the county's \$1.79, while the volumes per capita is 8.95 as opposed to 5.1.

Gold considers the legislation to be critical to financial stability of California's library, including the Contra Costa County library.

The establishment of authority for benefit financing will place the decision making funding at each local level and will allow localities more revenue options for financing public services.

The El Cerrito City Council has gone supporting SB566.

Teens

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the non-profit, fund-raising "Friends of Albany Teens."

Organizations supporting the project include the YMCA, the Lions, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, the local library and the city.

Lions Club members put in excess of 400 hours into the renovation," Nichols said, singling out Lion Art Longpre who did all of the electrical work at the center for special mention. "We're pleased to be a positive force in the community."

The Albany Teen Center has been open since June 1, averaging 40 children a day coming to play pool, video games and avail themselves of other recreational opportunities, according to Recreation and Community Services director Bill Jones.

Rotary Club member Mike Koepke and Ed McManus, who did the plumbing, were given high marks for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

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Mrs. Sears' reaction may be temporary and not a disabling condition under the Americans with Disabilities Act, as she claimed.

"It's disappointing," Walter Sears said of the council's decision.

It extends solution of the problem another six months or a year, he said, "And that's a long time to be away from your home."

Mrs. Sears has been living in a travel trailer in San Pablo since April 19, he said.

So far no fees have been charged for membership.

but the fee schedule will be discussed at the meeting of the Park and Recreation Committee.

recommendations passed on to the city council for consideration, Jones said.

Center activities will be geared to children 12 years old. Open hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Through Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on days.

The Albany Recreation and Community Department is offering a youth video class for all incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students from July 14 through Aug. 25.

The class will be held Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Albany Senior Center.

Registration is \$55 for Albany residents and \$65 for non-residents.

Information flyers are available in the office at 958 Masonic Ave. Walk-in registration is underway Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 524-9283 or 524-9122 for information.

Trees

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was added to the city's Street Tree and Maintenance Policy in 1992, allows street tree removal if a homeowner provides "satisfactory evidence from an Allergy Specialist (physician) that confirms the applicant's allergic sensitivity to the tree."

The homeowner must pay for tree removal, sidewalk repair and plant a new tree.

Before an offending tree will be cut down for health reasons, a resident must produce proof from a medical doctor specializing in allergies verifying adverse reaction to a specific tree and must prove he "cannot be desensitized by normal treatment."

The clause was added to the policy last year.

Set out in 15 detailed findings, the council concluded that Mrs. Sears did not present satisfactory evidence that removal of the trees will "in any way remedy the alleged symptoms that Mrs. Sears states she is experiencing" and, because this has been an exceptional year for people subject to allergies, that

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Video class for local youth begins July

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In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Life with the woods: Tilden

Thoreau once described golf as a perfect way to ruin an otherwise nice walk. You remember Thoreau, he's the guy who lived by himself in the woods outside Cambridge, Mass., during the simple life with the rest of necessities. He had a sliced slice and often found himself in the rough, so one day he left his clubs on the fairway and decided to go where his ball and his fate did lie.

What makes the perfect round of golf? I was asked this question another day and I decided to go in quest for the elusive answer. Choosing the simplest path, I turned off to Tilden Golf Course just up the hill nestled in a valley between the Berkeley Hills and Inspiration Point.

The perfect round around here begins after 3 p.m. The reasoning goes, but the sun's intensity and green fees have something to do with it.

Playing with someone you know and like helps in finding the perfect round. My brother even, down from Seattle for a week, was the perfect companion. Being in the sun on a nice day was already a big plus for us so we went out feeling good before the first tee shot. Golf is more than just hitting a ball towards a slightly larger hole in the fewest strokes possible. It's a cerebral game, a test of concentration versus frustration as any weekend golfer would know. No one ever said it was supposed to relieve tension as a leisure time activity, you are supposed to enjoy yourself.

Playing with people you don't know can be fun too. As a someone in a game where four fours, golfers are often matched with one or two players. We were paired with two strangers in carts. Mo and Dylan took as marshals at the course. At first this made us nervous, but we knew the course well and most important they didn't tell us whether we played great or hacked the day away. It is important playing with people who don't take golf seriously. Golf is exploding, the deficit is expanding, the streams are colliding and we're going to every about golf shots? I think

The course must be in good shape. A healthy green course is essential and rains gave Tilden a feel. Tilden has wide open fairways, giving almost any shot distance. The greens are challenging and the hills and drops along the course remind you how physical the game can be.

Scoring is part of the game, more important for a perfect round: a John Daly grip-and-gone shot; the sound of a solid long iron; a high-arching chip shot that sticks on the green; draining putts from more than 10 feet. Mo was the pro of our make-four-some, shooting a 38 on front nine. It was a joy to watch him play. My brother and I still turn playing good-shot, shot. I'd be up two strokes, then he'd even it out. He's up two strokes and I'd par to his double bogey. Dylan in the meantime was not scoring on the round, only by the hole. In between shots we talked. Mo, an older guy from Texas, found joy playing as much as possible. I am, a Berkeley High grad, friendly and helpful.

We played 13 holes and called quits. I finished with a par, losing my brother by one stroke. I found the perfect round. It's one where you make friends, have fun, get some exercise and most of all quit while you're ahead.



Jeff Lindquist

Albany Big League's James Steffen watches his three-run homer fly over the fence in the first inning against Pittsburgh.

Little League ready for big time

By Niall Adler

It took 23 games before the major league Albany Giants were beaten, in the Tournament of Champions, by the Walnut Creek Angels on June 26. The final was 6-5.

Walnut Creek pitcher Mark Glanville struck out 15 as the Angels moved on to the next round. The Giants' Mike Seltzer scored three runs and hit a home run and a double. Joel Hooper had two hits and three RBI, and Nick DiConstanzo had two hits including a double in a losing effort.

Coach Gene Seltzer put it in perspective by calling it a close and a well-played game. He said the winning streak was fun while it lasted but it had to end somewhere. Even with the loss, he said, he is proud of his ball club and is upbeat

on the season.

The minor league Yankees came into the Tournament of Champions and pulverized visiting Pittsburgh 19-4. Yankee hurler Bryan Gross pitched six innings, giving up eight hits, walking none and striking out five; he did not allow a run until the fifth inning. Gross also contributed three hits, including two doubles, five runs and three RBI.

Jason Moore had three hits, including four RBI.

Devon McDonald had two RBI and one run, shortstop Jonah Schrogan had two runs, two hits and two walks, John Cassidy went 2-for-2 with two walks, three runs and three RBI, Dustin Hughes joined the "two" club with two runs, two hits, two RBI and two walks, while Matt Seagal reached base four of five times and contributed two runs.

Centerfielder Ronan Lyall, Joey Seltzer, Nick Clark and Keith Deirup also contributed to the dismantling of the Pittsburgh team and were a part of the defense that made it impossible for the opponent to get going.

As the Yankees and Giants were

playing in the Tournament of Champions the major league All-Star team was working out and preparing for their first game July 10 in Alameda. The full team will be assembled this week. With the great amount of talent present, some players may be playing in positions that they may not be used to.

Dodger coach Bob Onweller leads the squad, which will be playing for the chance to appear in the Little League World Series in Williamsburg, PA.

Late season run gives Reds title; hungry Bears get back at Seals

ALBANY—The senior division of Albany Little League came to a dramatic end last week with the streaking Reds and hungry Bears providing all of the fireworks.

At the midway point of the Senior Major season, the An-Other Termite Co. Reds lagged far behind the pack with a 1-7 record and their hopes of repeating as senior champs were all but gone.

However, The Reds, managed by Don August, put together a seven-game winning streak to

end the season with the playoff championship.

The Reds scored three runs in the first and Sillers made it hold up by striking out nine. Peter Maris and John Vogler had two hits each for the Mets.

In the second game, the Reds ended the Padres run at the title with a 6-2 win.

Evan Sengstack was the hot hitter for the Reds, pounding out three hits and scoring once. Shapiro had two hits and drove in three runs,

and Max Good also had two hits.

Ko Douglas struck out eight in five innings of work and allowed just two hits. Ian Beeson and Richard Szwanek had the only hits for the fourth-place Padres.

That left the Phils and Reds as the last teams left and the title game was put away in the first two innings.

The Reds scored one in the first when Douglas doubled and scored

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Hoops staying alive in El Cerrito

By Scott Kaplan

It has been two years, but the Boys El Cerrito Summer Basketball League is back in action. The league is under the direction of Chris Huber who, over the past couple summers was unable to run the league due to the always-precarious financial situations in the Richmond Unified School District. This summer there are six teams as opposed to a few years ago when

there were eight. El Cerrito, Albany, Salesian and Alameda are the teams which represent the East Shore Athletic League while Berkeley and Pinole Valley are the two respective squads from the Bay Valley Athletic League.

The League is ten games long. Then, on July 22, there will be a four-team, three-game playoff to determine the league champion.

The games are very much on the

informal side and a couple of marquee players are missing, but the league still gives a local prep hoop junkie an outlet in an otherwise baseball-dominated time of the year.

In the opener, El Cerrito defeated Albany in a defensive struggle 45-33.

Despite the loss, Albany received great play from point guard Jed

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Albany's Steffen grabs spotlight

Big Leaguers rout Pittsburgh

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

trippers.

"The story of this game was his hitting," said Albany coach Steve Fields. "But he did great on the mound too. He stayed strong and made Pittsburgh (6-3 in league play) put the ball in play. He's really improved from last year; it's obvious that his season playing for Albany High School has helped," said Fields. "He's started hitting to right field more."

Steffen got things started with a ringing three-run homer in the first inning. However, the righty had some help from his teammates, including Ben Thompson, who had a pair of hits and drove home a run with a double in a two-run third inning. Also aiding the offense were Warwick Pawsey (a two-run single in a three-run second frame) and Shaun Charles, who closed out the scoring with a two-run double in the sixth frame.

"He got every bit of them," said Pittsburgh coach Kevin Amaral of Steffen's two right field round-trippers.

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Girls' roundball talents get workout in summer

Area players flock to Skyline league, scramble to camps

By Peter Mentor

Putting the roundball to the hardwood is what it's all about in girls' summer league basketball. It's a given that consistently good teams have players who play and improve in the off-season. Although schools cannot sponsor summer teams according to California Interscholastic Federation rules, it's perfectly acceptable for high school players to play on summer league teams even if those teams happen to be coached by their high school coach.

Berkeley has one of the best high school girls' basketball team in the state year in and year out. A

string of Bay Valley Athletic League championships, yearly trips to North Coast and NorCal and two appearances in the state finals with one state title can attest to their success. It isn't just that Berkeley has a wealth of fine talent not found at other schools.

Good basketball players and teams don't happen overnight and they don't play during the regular season only. The Yellowjacket players work hard to gel during the season, but it's improvement in the off-season that keeps this team in top form. Gene Nakamura, like every other good coach around, coaches summer league basketball. Since mid-May his team the East Bay Hoops, made up of Berkeley players, has competed twice a week in the Skyline summer league in Oak-

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Jeff Lindquist
Berkeley's No. 22 goes up for a layup at Skyline in summer league basketball

Girls

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land.

The Skyline league is the closest girls' league around with eight teams playing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games were switched from Skyline to Oakland Tech when Skyline closed to have its gym floor repaired, but it isn't the place that matters—it's the time on the court.

"It's just a matter of twice a week bringing your girls," said Nakamura of the league. "It's convenient for us because it's close. It's not real competitive. With the exception of the Running Rebels, there isn't a varsity team up there."

The Running Rebels is a team of high school all-star players who went to a tournament in Texas and came back to the area at just the right time to be invited into the league. One team backed out of the league, leaving only seven, so the Rebels were added to make an eighth. Nakamura said most of the teams have their younger players

on the summer squad. Berkeley graduated seven senior players this year, so it's the bench players and freshmen who are playing this summer. The young makeup of the squad means the team will need to work extra hard this summer to be competitive in the fall.

"A lot of these girls just need time to play more," said Nakamura. "A lot just started playing basketball last year. In order to get better they have to play." Other teams in the league include players from St. Joseph, Castlemont, Alameda, Fremont, Holy Names and Skyline, who play on teams with assumed names so as not to cross the CIF rules. Last year a newspaper in Healdsburg referred to the summer teams from this area as Berkeley and Bishop O'Dowd and the schools were reprimanded for forming teams, even though they didn't play under the school moniker.

Skyline head coach Charles

Davis coaches a summer team called Charity, made up of younger players from Skyline. Davis also coaches the Running Rebels all-star team, but sees the league not as a place to win or lose. He says the way the league is set up all the players come out winners, win or lose in the games.

"We play everybody, that's my philosophy in summer league," said Davis, a sentiment echoed by the other coaches. "We are in a win-win situation because everybody is getting playing time. We play 20-minute running halves. It's just all about playing time. It's very fun and competitive. This is the first time I've ever had anything to do with the summer program. You look at good players around the Bay Area or the nation, the good programs have a summer program. Berkeley, Moreau, Campolindo, Morningside—any state competitive team: you look at those teams and see what

they are doing right now, they're in camps or summer programs. It helps with the continuity and helps us become friends."

Davis says the league helps his players to play with one another, but it's the skills clinics that help them personally improve. "That is one of the keys to success," said Davis. "After the summer league we get into the clinics and camps. That's the most important part of our summer. A high level of play will enhance our players ability to play in the league, but the fundamentals are probably the key. If they don't know how to box out, hit free throws, pick, set screens, you'll get beat by that. It kills you."

Holy Names head coach Dennis Flannery is the coordinator of the Skyline league. He has a few players from his varsity team playing and a lot of younger players who need the court time to get a sense of the game. "We use a lot of young

kids," said Flannery. "We use it as a chance to try different combinations in a game. The summer league is a time to have fun and experiment. The kids don't mind it. We don't put a lot of pressure on it. They fit it in around work schedules and summer camps. They get time to play and that's all you want to do, keep it fresh in their minds."

Flannery feels the summer basketball camps are important to the players, but also sees the league as a good test for the real thing.

"There comes a point where you've got to do those things with pressure," he said. "When you play Berkeley full court, you learn to play in that kind of situation. I think the summer league does a lot of good. If you look at the teams who play summer league, they usually the ones who do better during the year."

When the summer league ends

Nakamura has a basketball clinic at Berkeley High for area pa clinic is limited to 72 and is filled with players from Benicia and even 20 players in San Francisco. The college ranks, so everyone sees during the summer indirect eye of the college.

"I get a lot of calls from coaches who want to know," said Nakamura. "I don't know if they are from my school or where else. A lot of the players come to this clinic."

In addition to the league clinic, Berkeley will host the Healdsburg tournament in summer to play with competitive teams. All in all, it's a chance for his future players to get some time on the court and have fun doing it, the pressure of the regular season hold."

Big League

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Matt Sundstrom, Dov Sims, and Alex Fields also had run-scoring hits for the winners, who didn't make an error while bombing Pittsburgh pitchers Jose Vasquez and Thomas McDonald with the bats. A day earlier, Albany roughed up Clayton Valley with 10 runs in the opening two innings and coasted to a 10-4 victory at Clayton Valley High School.

Alex Fields tossed four scoreless innings for his third win in five summer league decisions and added three hits and an RBI in support of his mound effort, a la Steffen on Saturday.

Mario DiPrisco and Danny Gross had two-run singles in a seven-run Albany second inning, breaking up the game. Steffen had delivered a two-run double in a three-run first frame for the winners, who broke a two-week winless drought with the triumph.

On Sunday, Albany traveled to Northgate High School in Walnut Creek and completed the weekend by winning a 11-5 decision. DiPrisco pitched six innings for the victory while his teammates backed him up with a multi-headed offensive show. Six players had RBI hits, including Pawsey's run-scoring double and single. Gary Tatmon had two hits after missing two games and Kevin Patterson added an RBI triple.

Albany's Big League team plays host to Concord Saturday at 4 p.m. at Memorial Field.

Berkeley's down

While Albany's team swept on the positive side, Berkeley's Post No. 7 Legion squad lost three straight to Club Sport American Legion's Bulldogs of Pleasanton last weekend. Ryan Connors-Copeland tossed five and two-thirds innings of three-hit ball in losing a 4-1 decision Sunday in the last of the three-game set. In game one Sunday, Berkeley lost 11-1 and on Saturday (at Pleasanton), Post No. 7 team lost 13-6.

In Sunday's contest, held at San Pablo Park, the losers were victimized by three errors, which led to three runs off Connors-Copeland. Berkeley had one productive inning off winning pitcher Zeke Palma, getting three hits and scoring its one run on Jonathan Aaron's RBI single. But Palma battled out of a bases-loaded jam and got help from Greg Pentony (two innnings) to hand Berkeley a tough-luck loss.

Jamie Martin had two hits and scored the final run for Pleasanton. He had two hits in the first inning of game one as the winners scored seven runs and put the opener away early. Oliver Petit pitched all seven innings in the loss, giving up nine hits, only two after the first inning. Pete Schreiber had two hits, as did Zach Chun, for the host team. Schreiber had five hits on the weekend to lead the Berkeley offense.

A day earlier, Jeremy Cooper was the losing pitcher for Berkeley

in a seven-run loss. Club Sport put together nine runs in the middle three innings to provide themselves a cushion as Berkeley had a pair of runs in each of the third, fifth, and seventh frames.

Schreiber had two hits while Trigg Splenda got three (with an RBI). Rafiq Martin added a two-run single for the losers, who play at the Palo Alto Tournament this weekend with rival Albany.

Berkeley, which is now 2-11, had beaten Colonel Young of Oakland in two games on June 19-20 as Cooper and Connors-Copeland picked up wins with solid pitching efforts. Connors-Copeland pitched a complete-game five-hitter with seven strike-outs in a 12-2 win while Cooper won 12-1 in a win a day earlier with five and two-thirds innings of two-bit ball.

Splenda's two-run single keyed a seven-run first frame in the initial Colonel Young win and Aaron added a single, double and triple. In Connors-Copeland's win, Aaron had two more hits while Matt King went three-for-four. A five-run sixth inning iced the two-game sweep over Colonel Young.

and Sengstack at .328.

Pitching carried the Reds in the second half with Sillers, Douglas and Good combining for an earned run average of 1.78, and just 0.33 in the three playoff games.

Seniors

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in the second.

After Douglas walked with the bases loaded to score Greg Sextro, Sillers blooped a single into center field to score two more and increase the lead to 4-0.

Max Good sailed along on the mound for the Reds, getting a double-play in the first inning started by second baseman Alexi Solit-McGruder.

Good allowed five hits through his six innings of work, but when the Phils scored in the seventh and got two runners on, Sillers was called to the mound to end the threat.

He did so on three pitches.

After watching the count go to two balls, Phils star Bryan Clancy hit a shot off the foot of shortstop Sengstack. The ball conveniently rolled over to second base, where Solit-McGruder tagged the base and threw to first for the game-ending double-play.

The win capped a worst-to-first turnaround for the Reds, who went 8-2 in the second half.

Reds leading hitters for the season were Corey Datz-Greenberg, .371, Grunwald, .448, Douglas, .440

For the Seals, Jim ... had two hits and ... had a run-scoring hit in ... inning.

In earlier playoff game ... Bears beat the Stars in ... a final of 11-0 and the ... semi-finals 12-8.

Against the Stars, ... two-hit shutout, striking out ... At the plate, he had three ... scored twice. Also, ... on base four times and ... runs. Daniel Munoz and ... son had two hits apiece.

In the playoff opener, ... was 4-4 and scored ... Mordecai was on base four times and ... and scored three runs.

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East Bay Events This Week



Three Oakland kids—Liz Dunn-Ruiz (Patty), left, Adrienne Belai (Snoopy) and Jenny Bruce (Schroeder)—play leads in 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.'

Charlie Brown musical opens at Alameda Children's Musical Theatre

The musical comedy *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* opened Friday at the Little Theatre at Alameda High School. The production, by Alameda Children's Musical Theatre, features all the characters from the Charles Schulz comic strip and follows them through the adventures that have made them beloved around the world. It includes songs like "Supertime," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "The Book Report." We can't say we've ever heard of any of these, but we are assured by its producers that the show will entertain young and old alike.

The musical plays Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. through July 31. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for teens and seniors, \$4 for kids under 13. For group sales, reservations or more information, call 521-6965. The theater is located at the corner of Central Avenue and Walnut Street in Alameda.

Traces of Life'

The Asian Resource Gallery is sponsoring an exhibition of the etchings of David Choi and Soo Choi titled "Traces of Life."

"We follow these traces of life. Among the abandoned, perhaps passing by," reads the invitation. The show opens Monday and runs through Aug. 27. The Asian Resource Gallery is located at 310 Eighth St., Suite 309, Oakland. Its hours are Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more details, call 287-5353. Sponsored by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp.



David Choi's etching 'City Story'

Imogen Cunningham retrospective

An exhibit called "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End" opens today at the Oakland Museum and runs through Sept. 19. It features over 100 prints spanning the artist's 70-year career, and it draws on the private collections of Cunningham's family, the Imogen Cunningham Trust and the museum itself. Twenty rarely seen platinum prints from the 1910s and 1920s form the centerpiece of the show, which also includes Cunningham's photographic equipment. The museum is at Oak and 10th streets. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. Call 238-3948 for more details.

Homeless photographer photographed

Scott Braley photographs the homeless and teaches them to document their own lives with photography. Rufus Hockenbush is a homeless man who has photographed himself, his friends and family. Their works are displayed at the Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth St., Oakland, beginning Wednesday, July 7.

Also at the gallery are drawings by Barry Simons, poet, artist and boxer, and sculpture and sound installations by Kate Connell. The art is displayed through Aug. 21; hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Simons reads his poetry July 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 763-4361 for more details.

Windows on the Waterfront

Until the retail space around Jack London Square is fully utilized, local artists are using store windows as a 24-hour-a-day gallery. Betsy Lombard's watercolor/gouache "The Relief," shown below is one of the paintings displayed in the windows of the Port of Oakland Building, at the corner of Washington and Waterfront streets. All the paintings are for sale. Call 652-0399 for more details.



Betsy Lombard's painting 'The Relief,' one of the works on display in the windows of the Port of Oakland Building.

A look at life's central agony and joy

By Ariel Parkinson

For Augusta Huggins Meyers nothing is simple. Like certain distinguished artists before her — Blake, Duncan, most often poets — she can find a gateway to the universe almost anywhere: a pistol on a white velvet cloth, a trussed-up chair, a nude. Her astonishing photographs, at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, are a huge, sensitive transfer of information from her to you.

Photography

A number of devices make Huggins Meyers' photographs decidedly different. First, they refuse the neat, implacable rectangular boundary that keeps so many photographs self-involved.

Take the print boundary of "Carmina," a 5-foot-by-8-foot image of a closed Victorian sarcophagus. The top and left borders are irregular black diagonals where no light reached the paper. The bottom margin is a delicate linear squiggle of coagulated emulsion. The right-hand margin begins as a narrow black band and is then torn off to leave no border at all. The image of the sarcophagus splays off into white light.

The print itself ombres into white space and is patched on to a large unhemmed piece of white canvas which is then tacked to the white wall. The effect is fluid, casual, an interpenetrating construct of image, print and gallery.

It is easier in these circumstances to connect the subtle and emphatic configuration of the work with the provisionally uninflamed space in which you move and see. You can connect with the space of the work and with the work because it is connected to, not separated, from your own.

A second distinguishing feature is that, technically, the prints are not neat at all. If Huggins Meyers uses a found photograph, she leaves the blemishes. She overexposes, she has a user-friendly relationship to the emulsion, welcoming and retaining coagulations, clouds.

Because of this ardently active use and selection of the possibilities and accidents within the process, most of the prints are unique. A large edition of a work would be two prints.

The result is, overall, a sensitive, spontaneous, fully rendered quality confined usually to drawings, found sometimes in prints, very rarely found in photographs.

So much for infrastructure. "Portrait of a Mythical Beast," about 80 inches square, is a straightforward, almost clinical "shot" of a young dog. His stocky, attentive body stretches across the space, cut off halfway along the tail and halfway along the muzzle. The abrupt cuts increase the tensile horizontal thrust.

The ground is dark, the fur somewhat overexposed. A large black-leather applique covers one paw and extends past the print (the paw is not there — it was used for another piece). The tail must have wagged slightly — a ghost outline follows the rump; there is a second ghost outline of the muzzle.

Eye is only a faint linear shadow; mouth forms a little bhodisatva smile. "Magic," as Tom Clark said of Robert Duncan, "the coring of hermetic meaning out of symbol and dream and secret sympathy."

The forward thrust of the body, the nuanced delicacy of its front and nether forms, the no-eyed inner vision, the smile. It is a ghostly spirit dog, light against dark; self-contained and attentive; generic mammal and intercessor, bhodisatva. The beast is, indeed, "mythical."

"Cornel Luft" seems, at first, just as obvious a portrait of a young soldier as "Mythical Beast" is of a dog. The perfect, chiseled features in three-quarter view are lit from one side to show the slight roundness of the skull.

He gazes out, straight-arrow, under the heavy, inherently jaunty officer's visor cap, his tie, shirt



Above: Augusta Huggins Meyers' 1991 'Portrait of a Mythical Beast,' in a differently developed print than the one described in the article. Right: 'I Dream of Mausers'

When she takes you out on a heavy private trip, she manages, almost always, to show you why you are there.

collar, overlays of jacket are in place to the last millimeter. Two thick creamy mats surround the portrait and the thick, crude, black back of a dished picture frame surrounds the mats.

As surely as the center of an archery target, "Luft" is the bull's eye of a series of concentric oblongs. Little wooden cleats screwed in the outer frame hold folded pieces of black leather that point, haphazardly, ominously in over the white mats toward the perfect, impassive, self-absorbed, heroic head.

He is a version, an everyson's version, of Auden's "strong, iron-hearted, man-slaying Achilles who would not live long."

"Night Ribbons," again very large, shows a nude woman bound — flimsily — to a leather chair. She is bound and utterly relaxed. She is bound and free. The diagonals of her limbs and torso are beautifully composed. Head drops; escaped locks of hair wave out into space. The hands are tied; fingers spread out, searching and feeling into space.

Another work is sculptural, a small crucifix. Slap-dash attachment of a horizontal piece of salvaged painted wood to a vertical, the crucifix is suspended by one point on a simple chain. No fancy joints, three separate planes, since the horizontal has a rabbit.

Where Cimabue or Mantegna would place the emaciated figure of a naked man, there is the photographic image of a naked man, slithering over the three planes of the rose-tinted cross where the



silver nitrate particles dropped out of solution and caught the articulated pattern of lights and darks.

He is dark, slender, slim-hipped. One hand is at his crotch. A vertical shadow down the side of the abdomen might be a wound.

There is something so ordinary about the denotative form: two sticks, a chain, a thin naked man holding his crotch, and something so extraordinary in the world of spirit that it opens up. Christendom, D.H. Lawrence, the smooth grayed old rose color of an ancient chest of drawers, flowering Belle of Portugal on an old house.

A certain momentary combination of event, flotsam and circumstance suddenly plunge into the central agony, the central joy of human life; the sustained, repeated agony and joy.

Huggins Meyers' prints are technically daring, overtly communicative, and conceptually expansive and intense. Some of

the work borders on melodrama and mannerism — style for its own sake, and it is one of the risks of being very personal.

When she takes you out on a heavy private trip, she manages, almost always, to show you why you are there.

It takes courage to do all this. Augusta Huggins Meyers is sure of her touch. She takes chances, violations of the expected forms. More than that she is sure enough of her own mind and sensibility, her intimate, disciplined, rooted perception of the world to take you there.

I would say, from the current show at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, that Huggins Meyers' perceptions are right on.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts is at 2518 San Pablo Ave. (at Dwight Way) in Berkeley. Its hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday; its phone is 649-0950. The Huggins Meyers show will be on display through the end of July.

For a complete listing of community events in the next week, see Goings On About Town, on page 4.

Bay Area's best for choir festival

13 choirs from around the world came to Oakland

By Don McConnell

Youth music concerts and festivals can be almost self-contained events; if you put enough kids on stage, you've guaranteed yourself a full house, one made up of parents, squirming younger siblings and proud grandparents.

Choruses

What happens after that usually has so little to do with professional concerts that a reviewer feels out of place. But that wasn't so last week, as the Piedmont Choirs welcomed some 500 choisters from around the world to the second Golden Gate International Children's Choral Festival.

The hundreds of singers were members of 14 children's choruses. Quite a few were from the region: the Marin Girls Chorus, the Peninsula Children's Chorale, the Petaluma Boys and Girls Chorus, Ragazzi (subtitled "The Peninsula Boys Chorus"), the San Francisco Boys Chorus, and of course, the Piedmont Children's Chorus.

The others came from remarkably far-flung places: the Dawn Children's Choir of Moscow, the Kaohsiung Municipal Children's Chorus (Taiwan), the Nakhodka Children's Choir (Russia), the West Jutland Conservatory Girl's Choir (Denmark), the Williams Lake Children's Chorus (British Columbia), as well as choirs from Colorado Springs, Omaha and San Diego.

Nakhodka, near Vladivostok, just over the border from North Korea, is Oakland's sister city, and the Piedmont Choirs plan to visit the area this summer.

The festival was held most of last week at the Mormon Interstake Center, a large auditorium with a superb sound system. It also has one of the more spectacular settings in the area — both the views of the Bay from the center and the views of the complex itself, which, with its fountains, formal gardens, outdoor Muzak and futuristic architecture, is a sight-and-a-half to behold.

But the real wonder — as the festival held its opening program June 21 — was what took place inside the auditorium. It was a show as entertaining as any in memory, and one that again and again brought a lump to the throat.

The show gave the visiting choirs a chance to sit back for three acts that showed the San Francisco area at its best. The three acts were Val Diamond, star of *Beach Blanket Babylon*; the Piedmont Choirs performing a

one-act children's opera; and the Oakland Youth Chorus' professional ensemble, Vocal Motion.

Before the entertainment even began, there was plenty of entertainment done. Scott Beach, cultural man-about-town and late-night radio host on KKHI, was in splendid form as master of ceremonies. He talked about his "opera career," he sang a Russian aria, he told a lengthy story about the day he finally could sing lower than his father — leaning into the microphone to demonstrate.

He also brought forth a strange

Vocal Motion makes you swell with pride to be from the East Bay.

line of patter as he introduced each chorus. "I was born in Portland, Ore., but I've spent time in Omaha," he said as the Nebraska choir entered.

For those who know what a *Beach Blanket Babylon* hat can be, the one worn by Val Diamond was discreet (barely four feet across), but she brought amazing energy to the stage as she belted out "California, Here I Come" and "San Francisco, Lift Up Your Golden Gate."

The hour-long opera, *The Miraculous Turnip*, was the question mark on the program, a modern setting of a Grimm Brothers fairy tale. But it was a delightful experience throughout.

The music, by Keith Bissell, had no learning curve; it safely lay in the Menotti-Britten mid-century-choral-music spectrum. Robert Geary, conductor of the piece (and of the Piedmont Choirs) had the good sense to pull together a professional chamber orchestra, and this listener was won over before the singing even got underway.

The other delight was the soloists. Of the four lead roles, three were girls, including the star, Peter. (The King became the Queen.)

The one starring boy was Andy Eggert as the evil Capt. John. Although Eggert has slipped over the edge from boy soprano to counter-tenor, he's retained some really luminous high notes.

Peter was sung by Jenny Graves, and it's hard to find words to describe the beauty of her voice, at all parts of her range. I can think of only one or two

singers in the world whose sheer vocal sound is as ingratiating. (I wasn't aware till later that Peter was being sung by a girl.)

The other soloists were also a pleasure to see and hear: Kate Offer as quite a regal queen, Adrienne Criddle as a very funny princess, Bethany Jones as a compelling Mysterious Woman, and John Shumway and Reed Criddle as a fine Herald and Messenger respectively.

Two non-singing roles were especially good: D.W. Nutting as Nave, a sort of gymnastic Fool in the Shakespearean tradition, and Colleen Coffey-Smith as the Turnip. The costuming for the Turnip was inspired, making her sort of a huge hen, and for a vegetable, she was mighty sensitive. If people poked her, she poked right back.

The choirs acted as villagers, courtiers, soldiers, clowns. There were plenty of wonderful musical moments.

One funny occurrence was the rudeness of the parents, who'd clearly sat through too many rehearsals and most of whom chatted right through the performance.

Vocal Motion was the perfect end to the concert, particularly since they had the perceptiveness to present a program entirely of African-American music. The group is superb in music of nearly every type, from madrigals to Massenet to McFerrin, but there was plenty of competition in the room in traditional European music.

Even within the realm of African-American music, they provided plenty of variety, from their stunning version of "Shortening Bread" sung as a work chant to some high-flying soul fantasies by McFerrin and OYC director Trenor Morant.

This group just makes you swell up with pride to be from the East Bay, and that's never been true than when listening to them dazzle singers from around the world. The visiting choirs knew — maybe better than we do — how great this group is, and they gave them standing ovation after standing ovation.

The rest of the week was devoted to choral competition (the Piedmont Choirs acted as hosts only; they weren't competing) and performances at churches and theaters around the area. Friday was to be the announcement of the winners and a performance by the mass choirs.

It sounds great, but it's hard to see how even 500 kids could outsize the groups we heard on opening night.

but although the book was published in 1992, the listings were still current last time I checked, a few months ago.

The section is divided into "Dining With History" and "Dining With a View," which permits coverage of the area's most notable eateries, such as Wolfie's and Cottonwood. A short section on night life follows.

The book shows Huggins' deep love of the area she calls home.

The book is amply illustrated with photographs, both historic and modern (most of the latter taken by Ellie Huggins herself).

What Shall We Do Tomorrow demonstrates Huggins' deep love and knowledge of the area she calls home.

Author of several previous books on nature and on the West, Huggins now lives near Donner Lake and is working on a sequel: *What Shall We Do Tomorrow at South Lake Tahoe* (and you thought there was nothing to do but gamble).

Ellie Huggins, *What Shall We Do Tomorrow*, Coldstream Press, Truckee, California, 1992. \$8.95. It is available at some bookstores, or from Coldstream Press, P.O. Box 9590, Truckee, CA 96162; (916) 587-4287.



The 12-member Conjunto Cespedes plays to a packed house at Yoshi's.

Cuban melody finds fans here

■ Thanks to Conjunto Cespedes, 'el son' has moved west.

By Liliana Navarro Caceres

Conjunto Cespedes began to play, and almost at once spiked heels, high tops and Birkenstocks filled the dance floor at Yoshi's Keystone Korner last Tuesday. The group's rich Cuban melody, marked with a strong African influence, elicits active participation. The dance floor vibrated to the rhythm of "el son."

El son

Guillermo, the pianist, stepped down from the stage, and a conga line formed. More and more people joined in, and the line made its way throughout the club. The performance became a fiesta.

Unlike salsa, which has become a generic term for Latin music in which percussion is part of the texture, "el son" is an ensemble based on a combination of guitars and percussion instruments. It developed about 100 years ago in Oriente Province in eastern Cuba.

Recently, thanks to the Cespedes family, "el son" has moved west. Welcomed and adopted by the Bay Area music scene 12 years ago, the trio has expanded to 12 members.

The members are Bobi Cespedes, co-founder of the group and composer, arranger and lead vocalist; Guillermo Cespedes, co-director, composer, arranger and pianist; Jesus Diaz, playing congas and bongos; Wayne Wallace, composer, lead trombonist; Chris Cooper, violinist; Robert Quintana, playing timbales; Sekou Heath, playing Cuban guitar; Lichi Fuentes, coro and vocalist; Rob Holland and David Below, electric guitars; Robby Gok and David Wilson, trumpets.

Maria Cespedes relates the story of the group's route from Cuba to New Haven, Conn., to the Bay Area.

"We were very surprised when we arrived here to find such a demand and interest in our music. Although there is not a big Cuban community, the few Cubans we have encountered had kept the music inside of them alive, and it's their support, in part, that encouraged the growth of the band."

In its 12 years here, the group has sustained the original music, grown with the addition of talented musicians and support from the Bay Area musical community.

For most Latinos, to hear Conjunto Cespedes is to stir up memories. Two fans, Odilia and Marcy, asked El Conjunto to play "Caibarien," a tune from Santa Clara, Guillermo's province in Cuba.

"I have been living here more than 27 years, and always go to hear them play 'los mejores'; they are the best," he said. "We saw them when they were a trio. Now they have grown and amplified the rhythm and interpretation of Afro-Cuban music."

No matter what your taste, the mixed melodies of the guiros, chekeres and congas of Conjunto Cespedes will move your body into the spirit of "el son."

Conjunto Cespedes plays at Pena Cultural Center, Yoshi's and other clubs in the area. In recording on Green Leaf Records, *Una Sola Casa*, the band's first album, features "el son, guaguancó, bolero and more."

Summer Playhouse Series starting at UC Berkeley

The seventh season of UC Berkeley's Summer Playhouse Series, presented by the Department of Dramatic Art, opens in Zellerbach Playhouse on Tuesday with *The Club*, a musical play by Eve Merriam, directed by graduate student Amy Scham (*Museum and My Dinner with Alison '92*).

The musical, set in an Edwardian men's club, presents a world of top hats, white ties and tails, brandy and cigars, arch patter and naughty songs. It runs through Friday, July 9.

The second play of the summer season is Anton Chekhov's romantic comedy, *The Proposal*, which depicts the efforts of a high-strung young man to propose marriage to the woman he loves. Its dates are July 13 to 16.

Graceland, written by Ellen Byron and directed by graduate student Melissa Hillman, runs July 20 to 23. It deals with the rivalry of two Elvis Presley fans to be the first to enter their fallen idol's lavish home.

Harold Pinter is the author of the summer's fourth play, *The Dumb Waiter*, July 27 to 30.

In the play — one of Pinter's first successes — two hit men await their orders in a grubby basement room, trading banter that becomes fraught with menace and intrigue.

Graduate student Amy Weinstein will direct.

George Bernard Shaw's *Overruled*, directed by graduate student Bert Crews, runs Aug. 3 to 6. The play portrays the romantic entanglements of two couples thrown together by a startling coincidence.

The International Stud, the first play in Harvey Fierstein's widely Tony Award-winning *Torch Song Trilogy*, is the final Summer Playhouse Series production, Aug. 10 to 13. *The International Stud* offers a portrait of two mismatched gay lovers.

The Department of Dramatic

The American Dream through Saturday, David Byrne's *The Duck Variations* July 17; Eugene Ionesco's *The Soprano* July 29 to Aug. 11; dance concert directed by Christopher Dohre July 12 and 13. The theater's basement of Dwinelle Hall shows are free and start at

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Live/work space: a growing trend

Realtor Profile

Kate Campbell
Real Estate Columnist
Special to Hills Newspapers

The East Bay has become a growing ground for a housing trend that some experts say points to the most significant social trend emerging in America — a shift from working in traditional offices to working at home.

Leading that change are artists and architects who are turning down-at-the-heels industrial areas into vibrant live/work communities that promise to be a wave of the future.

Technology, particularly the merger of telecommunications and computers, is converging most dramatically in one spot in the world — the home.

As a rapidly increasing number of homes start doing double duty as workplace, home builders in the future will have to deliver residences flexible enough to accommodate work, as well as home life. In Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley, it's already happening.

Oakland architect Tom Dolan is at the cutting edge of live/work development. He has designed more than a dozen buildings for artists during the past decade, many of them combination units designed for independent artists and professionals who need spacious, well-lit and industrial strength home offices and studios. Dolan discussed the emergence of live/work developments at a recent public seminar on alternative



The courtyard at Filbert Court allows residents to cross paths and socialize easily.

Jeff Lindquist

housing types sponsored by the housing committee of the East Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Oakland Design Advocates. The program was part of a series aimed at promoting a broader spectrum of housing alternatives in the East Bay.

Joining Dolan in presenting the live/work housing option were: Francis Collins, Banta Collins

Architecture of Concord; Gary Knecht, arts advocate and a member of the City of Oakland's Cultural Affairs Standing Committee; and Randy Lum, deputy director of the Oakland Office of Planning and Building.

Dolan also is a member of a committee preparing a "Blueprint for Change," a cultural plan for the City of Oakland, made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. One component of the plan out-

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...artists and architects are turning down-at-heels areas into vibrant live/work communities.'

Architecture of Emeryville; Joe Costarella, Costarella Architects of Oakland; Teri Flynn, Flynn

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Family: Third generation Californian. Husband, Spencer; two children, Karen married to Rodger Lum, and Gary; two grandchildren, Christopher and Ryan.

Career: Graduated from UC-San Francisco with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. Worked part-time in hospital and community pharmacy while raising the children. Was very active in PTA. Developed a successful and innovative after-school program which fostered quality intergenerational interaction between senior citizens and/or parents with small groups of students. Made a career change eight years ago and has been a consistently top producer.

Interests: Tennis, photography, and people.

Quotable quote: "A firm believer in what goes around, comes around, I treat people as I would like to be treated. In assisting my



clients, I try to raise questions for them so they can look carefully at what they are trying to accomplish. I have cherished the wonderful relationships which have developed between my clients and me. The process of buying and selling a home can be like a roller coaster ride. My goal is to guide my people through the transaction so it is less stressful. To me, it is most satisfying to help people fulfill one of their dreams and watch them start a new chapter in their lives."

Sales up 6.3 percent from April

Bay City News

The California Association of Realtors (CAR) reported last week that sales of single-family homes rose modestly in May, though the sales pace remained significantly

lower than that of a year ago.

Blaming the state recession and buyer concerns about President Clinton's developing budget and health care reform programs, the association said 8.5 percent fewer

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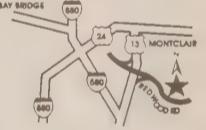
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Terri Huang has been with Mason-McDuffie for 15 years.

Agent celebrates 15th year

Terri Huang, a top producing agent in Mason-McDuffie's El Cerrito office, celebrated her 15th year with the company in May.

An expert in the West County and Berkeley markets, Huang has distinguished herself in the community as a seasoned real estate professional and earned life member status in the Mason-McDuffie President's Club.

"Despite the ups and downs of the market, Terri has consistently remained at the top of her field," said Mason-McDuffie El Cerrito office manager Don Dunning.

"Her success comes from her determination to serve her client's best interests at all times."

Huang was honored for her service at a special presentation May 17.

butting to a mammoth 18.8 percent plunge in the number of sales since May 1992.

CAR reported that according to the May rate, some 404,220 detached, single-family homes would be sold in California during 1993. That figure represents an annualized rate, which fluctuates month-to-month depending on seasonal factors that influence home-buying and on actual sales figures compiled each month.

The average price of a home in the state was \$191,230, down 1.7 percent from April and 5.8 percent from a year ago.

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Space

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lines suggestions for changing zoning and building codes to encourage more live/work space. Filbert Court at 2932 Filbert St., near 30th Street in Oakland, is an example of how living and working can be creatively combined in one space.

Dolan designed and built the new six-unit condominium project around a central courtyard with a tranquil fountain. The entrances to all the units open off the center court.

Inside, several of the units offer 25-foot ceilings, lots of natural light from numerous windows and skylights, and full kitchens and bathrooms. The floors are concrete downstairs and painted plywood

"Artists are our best futurists," Dolan says. "But the time is coming when live/work will become more and more common. The shift to home offices is going to lead the way in mainstreaming live/work developments."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 20 million Americans (about 18 percent of the workforce) do some work at home, but more than half, or about 12.2 million, simply take work home from the office at no extra pay.

Those who work exclusively at home currently number about 7.5 million people. Some occupations well-suited to work-at-home arrangements include financial con-

'Light, space and access ... are the most important features.'

—TOM DOLAN
ARCHITECT

on the upper floors.

Extra electrical outlets are tucked behind beams and along baseboards. Oversize windows and doors enable an artist or designer to easily get a huge canvas or set design in and out of the building with ease. The spaces are set up for serious, and sometimes messy, projects.

Since most units separate work areas from living space, it's easy to use the work areas as display galleries, design studios or client-friendly meeting places. Toothbrushes, the unwashed breakfast dishes and a tousled bed are safely out of sight in private living areas.

Dolan, who is a pioneer in designing and building live/work projects for artists, has built Oakland's Henry Street studios, South Prescott Village, Pinetree Studios and Hannah Studios. He has a 17-unit live/work complex under construction on Tenth Street in Berkeley and another, called Lone Star Lofts, in the pre-construction phase in Oakland.

Forum opens dialogue for contractors, homeowners

The focus of a recent meeting in Jack London Square was the need for improved dialogue between remodeling professionals and homeowners.

The meeting was a first for both the Splinter Group, an organization of various East Bay professionals, and the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

The evening began with a fine dinner, prepared by Scott's Restaurant. The guest speaker was Peter Miller, publisher of *Remodeling Magazine*.

Miller began by recounting a humorous personal experience from a few years ago, when he was planning some major work on his home.

Miller was meticulous about the company that he hired to do the work. He checked out their references, made sure they were licensed, and spent a great deal of time detailing exactly what he wanted constructed.

Since he was so thoroughly prepared, Miller looked forward to the day the work would actually begin. But when the day arrived, his heart sank and he wondered if he had made the right decision. As if to confirm his fears, the head carpenter arrived wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the slogan, "S**t Happens!"

Everything did turn out all right for Miller and his home, but his anecdote highlighted the reason for the evening's address. He spoke at length about the fact that homeowners consider their homes to be their most valuable possession. When work is needed on their property, they often are fearful of what the outcome might be.

In his address, Miller also covered several aspects that are important for those in the construction business to consider, including what it means to be a professional.

The highlight of the evening was the open forum that Miller moderated. Several of the contractors and architects brought their customers to the event, and it was at this time that they had a chance

sultants, computer services and programming, independent sales, advertising and public relations consulting, writing and art.

Oakland-based TeleNetWork estimates that at least 45,000 people in the Bay Area now telecommute and up to a million more might be able to telecommute at least one day a week. That's good news for easing congested freeways and air pollution.

"But living and working in the same space means you more fully inhabit that place," Dolan says. "That circumstance lends itself to a greater level of attention to one's environment. Owners who plan to work, as well as live, in their home want better quality design."

With traditional family homes, Dolan says the primary issue with home offices is proximity. Using a corner of the family room means interruptions from kids and other household traffic. A spare bedroom works fine, if you've got a spare bedroom. But it might be too

small for a group meeting or laying out a big project.

Retrofitting the garage may work in the summer, but chances are it could get mighty cold in the winter, not to mention there usually aren't many windows in the typical garage.

"Light, space and access for bringing large objects in and out are the most important features of the live/work projects I design," Dolan says. "They have a feeling of freedom and openness."

If you're considering working full-time from home, Dolan has this advice: decide how you'll be using the space. Will you be there alone or will you have clients meeting with you there. If you're

going to remodel or build an addition, consider a separate entry and bath for your office space.

Another problem with using a traditional home as a workplace has to do with how our communities have been planned, Dolan says.

"Working at home is very often solitary. You're not out there in the Rialto. When you spend that much time alone, any opportunities to see and talk to people are very welcome."

"If you're stuck in a back bedroom in the suburbs, you're really stuck," he says. "I'm not a great advocate of suburban living. The issue of telecommuting is not as easily handled as telling people to go to their bedrooms and punch

away on their computers."

To build a sense of community, Dolan's projects usually offer a natural way for neighbors to cross paths. "At Filbert Court, the entry is designed to be a place for informal interaction that over time leads to a sense of community. You can't make people love each other, but you can provide an atmosphere and a place where they feel comfortable encountering one another."

The live/work units at Filbert Court range in size from 1,100 square feet to about 1,700 square feet. They are priced at \$135,000 to \$209,000. Homeowner's association fees run about \$200 a month.

The units are open for in-

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to air their grievances about working with contractors.

One of the concerns brought up was the problem of not hearing from a contractor after an estimate has been made.

Another matter that initiated a powerful response was the question of whether a homeowner should hire the construction company suggested by their architect or one of their own choosing.

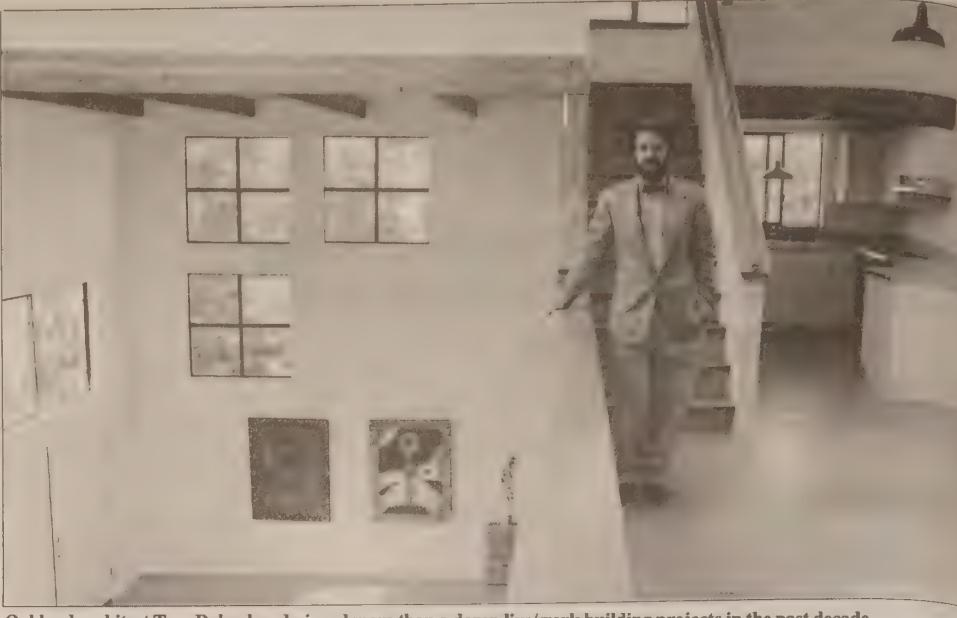
Although one homeowner suggested that she planned to pick the contractor she felt most comfortable with, a strong opposing argument was made by a remodeler at a nearby table.

She argued that if the architect is not compatible with the contractor, real difficulty can ensue on the project. The remodeler made a good point, one that should be seriously considered by homeowners when contemplating hiring both an architect and contractor for the same project.

This large-scale meeting between homeowners and home remodeling professionals is an important step toward making the process of repairing and adding to one's home a pleasurable experience.

Continuing and strengthening the dialogue with customers is vital for home construction companies who are intent on having successful and profitable businesses.

(*Brian Gardner works in the construction and maintenance industry in the Montclair area. Questions may be sent to him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619.*)



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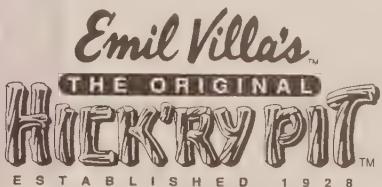
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New Orleans is a mix of both the Creoles who are with a partly French tradition and Cajuns who have roots as trappers. They ate what they found. The Cajuns infuse heat into their cooking, unlike the French. Harold Le Blanc said, "I take both cuisines and add my own touches to all of them."

Owned by married couple Harold and Diane Le Blanc, Le Blanc's Louisiana Cuisine is located a short distance from Mountain View's Montclair. The building's classic-style interior is decorated with antique masks and flags.

The menu offers à la carte and dinners and *fixe* price dinner too

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Parc Oakland Makes Planning a Breeze

Planning your wedding day should be a wonderful and memorable time. However, too often it's not. You both work your time is limited, and to top it off, your mom lives on the East Coast. So make it easy on yourself and let the catering

experts at the Parc Oakland Hotel handle everything from the ceremony to the reception, with the finest cuisine in the Bay Area.

The Parc Oakland can provide options from a three-course to a seven-course sit-down menu to hors d'oeuvres,

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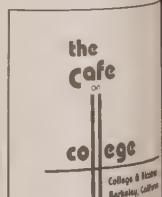
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Huge sundaes made from fresh cream, homemade sauces, mountains of whipped cream, nuts and topped with a bright red cherry. (Two if you brought your sweetheart); or the banana split special with almost a half gallon of different ice creams, sauce, nuts, more sauce, more nuts and so on.

Think you can handle one in under 15 minutes? There are contests for those who think they can.

Today Scott Whidden, a 16 year veteran as an ice cream maker and president of the company, still believes in the "family" creamery tradition and welcomes you to stop by for a "heaping helping" of the best. A visit you won't soon forget.

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This is a partial menu only.

Woodminster Amphitheater to Expand Entertainment Offerings

Producers Associates Inc. begins its 27th year of producing Woodminster Summer Musicals in Joaquin Miller Park. Jim and Harriet Schlader lead this popular summer family activity. Each production runs for seven performances.

"Anything Goes," Cole Porter's tune-and tap-filled favorite, opens the 1993 season July 9-18. Following in August will be the popular Rogers & Hammerstein "Flower Drum Song," and in September, "Me and My Girl."

This season Producers Associates in association with 1st Step Productions will present a comedy/jazz concert on Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m. Popular KBLX deejay Clifford Brown will host the evening featuring Linda Tillery and her band, comedian Jeff Brown and Narada Michael Walden & the Brotherhood.

Tickets for all events will be available at the Woodminster box office.

On Aug. 21 a country western program will be presented. This trial effort will optimize use of the facility on weekends when the musicals are in rehearsal, without jeopardizing the day-time rehearsals necessary for the established and popular Woodminster musical season.

Other promoters using the facility during the July, August, September, Woodminster season have interrupted the Woodminster Musicals' rehearsal schedule. This rehearsal schedule is limited already. If successful this year, the effort will be expanded to include concerts featuring numerous musical styles.

Producers Associates Inc. is also concerned about disturbing the neighbors on Joaquin Miller Road with noise

This was a problem with several concerts presented over the last few summers by other promoters. Schlader are sensitive to neighborhood concerns and complaints.

Woodminster Summer Musicals give jobs and invaluable exposure to over 2,500 performers in the Area. Working with a core of members and union musicians, orchestra, jobs are provided for Designers and technicians are locally and many area teenagers a stipend to run sets, props, and sound.

All set-building equipment and time materials are purchased as are tools, sound and lights. truly a contribution to Oakland's cultural life, which is affordable for all planned with "family" entertainment in mind.



Wayne Clough is owner of the waterside Whale's Tale

Whale of a View in Alameda

Nestled in an exquisite marina setting is Whale's Tale, a spacious restaurant serving fresh seafood, steak and pasta for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch on the dockside patio in one of the East Bay's most picture-perfect dining settings.

Champagne brunch features Smoked Salmon Benedict, a selection of omelettes and sandwiches, and "Sunday Chef Specials." A drink at the bar is a waterfront attraction here, too. Daily lunch and dinner options include a broad selection of soups and salads (chowder and a large Cobb

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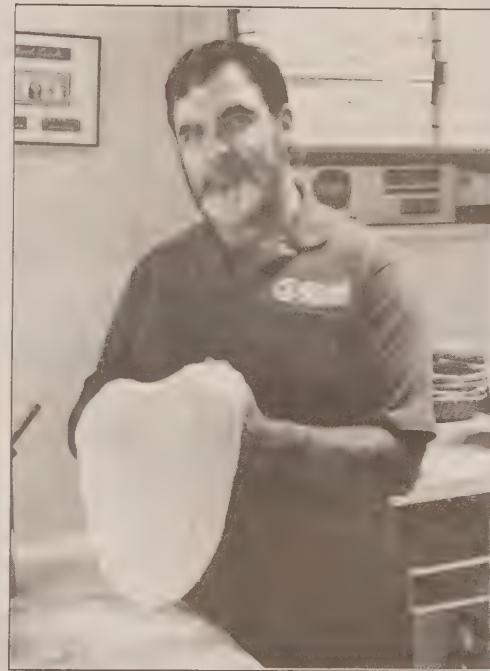
Red Boy specialties include Pizza Parisienne (French brie, sundried and fresh tomatoes, red bell pepper, onions, olive oil, cracked black pepper and fresh garlic), the Garden Delight (cheese, tomato sauce, zucchini, feta cheese, fresh tomato and fresh garlic) and Pizza California (cheese, tomato sauce, marinated artichoke hearts and red onion).

Also on the menu are Spaghetti Red Boy, beef ravioli, minestrone, garlic bread and salads.

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When Roberta Guitron opened El Caballo restaurant at Harbor Bay Landing Shopping Center in Alameda, he was ready. Guitron had cooked and managed at the Oakland El Caballo restaurant in Jack London Square from its first day to its last.

Just 30 days after its closing, he and wife, Lourdes, opened their new El Caballo, with a lagoon view in Alameda. Guitron put his and his customers' favorite dishes on the menu. It wasn't long before word spread.

These days Guitron likes to cook while Lourdes greets customers.

"I have been adding a number of specials to our menu and making sure we use the best cooking methods," Guitron said recently. "The careful use of oils has become very important."

Guitron says he is always trying out new seafood recipes. Several former "specials" are now regular menu items.

El Caballo offers a full bar serving premium drinks. Sunday brunch and lunch and dinner everyday. Live music is provided some evenings, and parking is convenient.

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Robert Guitron at El Caballo in Alameda



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Over the years the addition of one dining room led to another. Now Spenger's Fish Grotto has six large

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Collections of ship parts and fishing equipment and an eclectic mix of pictures, jewels and barrels fill the room walls. The main bar itself is often the

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Located just a few doors down from the Grand Lake Theatre, Chao Thai has outdoor garden seating that leads up to the cozy, ornate dining room. It is a restaurant where both single diners and couples can enjoy a comfortable dining experience.

Daily lunch specials (\$4.75 - \$5.25)

and dinner specials (\$5.95 - \$10.95) keep local customers coming back for more. The exciting and interesting menu includes popular items such as ginger salad (sliced young ginger, broad bean, cabbage, carrots, onions with garlic dressing), gai ping (Thai styled barbecue chicken topped with peanut sauce), chicken in coconut broth soup (chicken, bamboo sprouts, mushrooms, lemon grass) and pad thai (prawns with noodles, bean sprouts, bean cake, ground peanut and egg).

The dinner specials are quite varied and change weekly. Dishes such as pompano chile with peanut sauce,

brandy chicken and Noi's special garlic fried jasmine rice with corn (stir-fried fresh baby corn med white wine, green onions, garlic & ginger served on a separate gravy plate) are among the items.

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Chestnut Tree Catering can handle weddings, corporate events, picnics, parties, gourmet box lunches, rehearsal dinners, and sit-down dinners.

A popular concept for a backyard wedding is a grilling menu that includes hors d'oeuvres, a buffet, grilled meat and vegetables, and wedding cake and coffee.



Setting for a summer backyard wedding by Chestnut Tree Catering



Ottavio Guidi and Milvano Orsi of Il Pescatore

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Great Italian Ambiance

Classic and Northern Italian cuisine are the specialties of Ristorante Il Pescatore. Owners Milvano Orsi, Ottavio Guidi and Lorenzo Prichi and their staff make sure that service and food quality meet the highest standards.

Ristorante Il Pescatore is situated at Jack London Square just to the bay side of the Jack London cabin. The restaurant sits upon a pier with its west and south windows giving excellent views of the water. A patio section is a

popular seating choice on the north side.

Dine here for Saturday and Sunday brunch and daily (except Monday) lunch and dinner. The heritage of the owners and the language of the menu are clearly Italian.

The dinner menu is an impressive list of *antipasti*, *zuppe* and *insalate*, *pasta*, *pietanze*, *dolci* and *bevande*. Melanzana Parmigiana (eggplant parmesan) and Fettuccine al Salmone Affumicato (spinach fettuccine with

smoked salmon) may be your choice.

Only one more ingredient might bring the Italian spirit to a higher summit, and that could be the words of Verdi sung by trained opera singers at ones' table. Well, that can be arranged! On the last Thursday of every month just such an opportunity is scheduled. It is not unusual for patrons to join in the singing. Ristorante Il Pescatore is a very special place.

57 Jack London Square, Oakland
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Exceptional Service

By Nanou Mattson

Dinner at a donut shop? Well, it used to be a donut shop, and the banner in front of Daniel's Highland Cafe still boasts donuts. A counter with red swivel stools and a linoleum top still dominates the front room.

The back room, however, is no longer a storage area, but now holds about a dozen tables topped by glass slabs. A fit of various types fills the walls, from antique prints to modern acrylic paintings.

The cafe is light and airy and serves one of the best breakfasts in town.

Several years ago an enterprising young Swiss man named Daniel took over the Highland Donut Shop and began serving delicious breakfasts and lunches. Now he serves dinners.

The quality is outstanding. There are several entrees from which to choose, and each comes with soup, salad, dessert and coffee.

A recent meal at Daniel's was a real treat.

Polenta with cheese and spices and lightly cooked broccoli accompanied each meal.

The grilled salmon fillet brought out

the polenta's corn flavor. The salmon was remarkable: fresh, flaky and nicely flavored. It was served with a delicate yogurt-vegetable dill sauce on the side, pink like the salmon, and a perfect complement to the seafood.

The chicken immersed in lemon juice, rosemary and creme fraiche, gave the polenta a slightly marinated flavor. Tender and moist, the thinly-sliced fowl flowed with sumptuous sauce.

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Daily fresh fish menu offers fillets, often seared in the 500 degree heat of a Japanese Teppanyaki-style sear-

ing grill. The service of fresh salmon (King or Silver) is a hallmark of Kincaid's.

Kincaid's hardwood roasting over the spit provides rich aromatic flavors to fish and meats alike. Spit-Roasted Chicken (half chickens stuffed with rosemary, garlic, pancetta and olive oil) and Spit-Roasted Pork Loin (served sliced in medallions with pancetta, porcini in mushrooms cream sauce) are prepared in full view near the dining

room entryway.

The bar at Kincaid's is one of no little importance. Up handcrafted cabinets brimming bright mirrors reflecting the bay will make Kincaid's a suitable drinks on any occasion.

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Take a Break: Escape to Doyle Street

Set in a lovely street reminiscent of New York's Greenwich Village, the Doyle Street Cafe offers a haven for harried diners. The cafe is in a renovated warehouse with lots of windows, plants, and open seating.

Owner George Masarweh runs the cafe as if he were serving guests in his own dining room. Friendliness, good service and fresh food are the trademarks of this establishment.

Chef Ed Masarweh brings to Doyle Street over 20 years' cooking experience, including stints in North Beach

eateries and the famous Tadich's. He prides himself on menu variety that

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stresses fresh, light foods that East Bay diners seem to crave.

Doyle Street Cafe menu specialties include the famous warm chicken salad

with homemade dressing. Ed's steamed seafood in a basil cream or fresh salads, unusual soups, baked breads and soup du jour.

Breakfast is served Monday through Friday. Dishes such as Red Hot Pancakes with real maple syrup and of omelettes and chowder soups can help jump start anyone's day.

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China Gourmet's owner Pui Leung is consistently ready to see to his customer needs. Gracious and welcoming, Leung is a food service veteran with prior success as manager at Palo Alto's famed Ming's restaurant and a similar restaurant in Palm Springs.

Restaurant menu favorites include Lo-Shredded Chicken Salad (shredded crispy chicken, green onions, Chinese parsley, lettuce, rice, vermicelli and nuts tossed with herbs and spices), China Gourmet Beef (slices of beef marinated in a special sauce and stir-fried in a sizzling wok) and Seafood in Taro Basket (prawns, scallops and lobster toss-cooked with Chinese vegetables, served in a crunchy deep-fried taro basket).

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Pui Leung, owner of China Gourmet

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Hamburgers are an important part of the lunchtime and dinner menu. Creative and modern use of fresh vegetables and spices bring a "California" touch to the menu.

The unique design of Lone Star Cafe is itself worthy of a visit: it's a touch of Southwest and a little high tech. The large bubble skylight brightens the space, and lower and upper level seating breaks up the design.

Behind the first-rate food and design are owners Juan Perez, a developer, and son John Perez, an architect.

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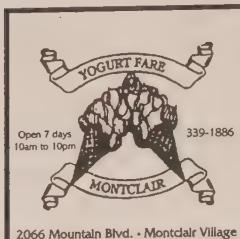
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Inside, a bright, cheery mood prevails in an airy, high-ceilinged front room, a small intimate space at the rear, and a 45-seat banquet area on the second floor

In the tree-shaded back patio, a brick hearth glows warm against the cool evening fog and an herb garden perfumes the air.

Piemonte is the brainchild of Davies and Raymond Holt, a trilingual husband-wife team who fell in love with the "simple, comforting and soul-satisfying" foods of Italy during a lengthy stay in the Mediterranean nation.

Jane, the executive chef, serves foods from throughout the region, her ever-changing menu carefully trained, with Bay Area convenience at the Mark Hopkins. But Bay Wolf she interview a classics with a large measure of nia creativity.

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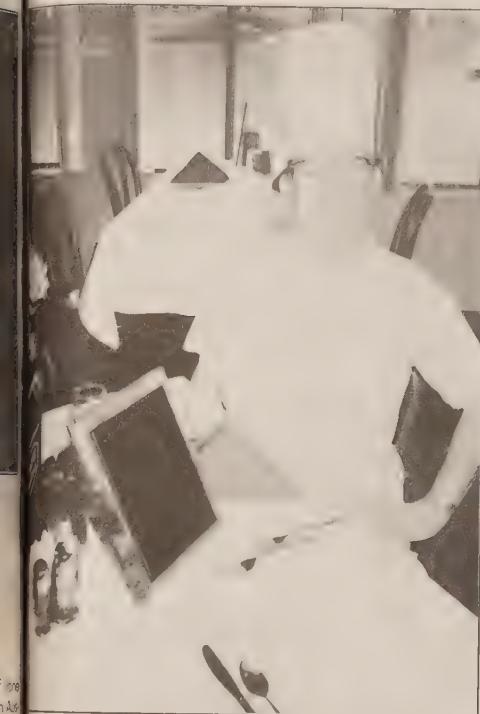
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cilantro and greens, or chicken and pancetta with mustard and marinated olives both served with ciabatta bread.

The dinner menu includes beef tenderloin with tomato-avocado salsa served with potato chips and a perfection pasta dish with bacon, tomatoes, basil and dill. On Monday nights a dinner menu is available with dinner \$19.95

Whether it's lunch or dinner, the food can be enjoyed in the garage equipped with overhead doors on cooler days.

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Cris Crespo of Cafe Enrico

Italian Dishes Draw Crowds

O verlooking a wide span of lagoon is Cafe Enrico, a well established local restaurant that has been serving Italian meals for over 15 years.

The restaurant is busy every evening. Reservations are suggested. At bird dinners (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) evenings off with a crowd, and the room remains busy long into the most evenings.

The bar is a popular meeting spot. Cooking here is under the direction of owner Cris Crespo, who has lived here since the restaurant opened its doors. He purchased the restaurant some eight years ago.

Cris Crespo, Cris' wife, greets customers at the reception station on evenings.

Linguini a la Florentina (baked

topped with Alfredo sauce) and Veal Oscar (veal sautéed with mushrooms, shallots and white wine then topped with asparagus, crab meat and

Seafood dishes are fresh and may sell out early in the evening.

bearnaise sauce) are requested often.

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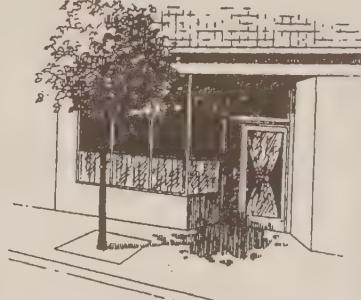
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Emil Villa's Celebrates 65

Emil Villa's Hickory Pit family restaurant is celebrating 65 years in Oakland this summer.

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The Hickory Pit moved to the Rockridge Shopping Center in 1982 where it overlooks a beautiful lake in an old rock quarry.

For the month of July, the Hickory Pit

is featuring complete dinners starting at \$7.99. You get your choice of Emil's wood-smoke barbecued sirloin of beef, pork loin, ham or turkey plus pit-smoked beans, soup or salad, french fries or baked potato, soft drink or coffee and a scoop of Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream for dessert.

For \$1 more, you can get Emil's world-famous pork spareribs or St. Louis ribs, or half of a barbecued chicken.

Complete kids' meals for children 12

and under start at \$1.99. Emil's is also famous for its other meats, its fresh-baked per-

breakfasts So you and your family celebrate the 65th birthday of a local culinary legend — the Hickory Pit — or Emil's world-famous cuisine in July.

Menu Surprises at Chez Goldberg

Chez Goldberg has continued to attract a loyal Bay Area following by consistent innovation in the kitchen and a bistro-like atmosphere in an intimate dining room appointed with fine art posters and an old-fashioned diner counter.

Chef and proprietor, Bob Goldberg, puts his culinary talents to work five nights a week and produces his own house-made sausages that include French garlic, spicy, smoked beef and

pork hot links; and chicken with apple

The sometimes whimsical but always expertly prepared and inventively presented entrees are a trademark of Chez Goldberg. Recent offerings have included New Zealand sea bass grilled and served with red bell pepper butter and a hearty herbed meatloaf served with a light tomato sauce and mashed potatoes.

Always on the menu is one of the Bay Area's best caesar salads and for

dessert, house-made caesars.

Chez Goldberg offers a

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Cafe Rustica's art-filled dining room.

Try Pizza at Cafe Rustica

Like May 1989 Cafe Rustica has been famed for lunches and dinners framed by inventive pizza-making. The tiled and Roman-decorated two-story site sports a tapas bar on the lower level.

Owners Manos Michael Scouris, of Greek heritage, of South Bay bring inter-

national understanding.

A pizza e calzone. A girl's choice of Italian peasant crust or olive oil-fennel crust with imaginative toppings gives pizza naming a galaxy of personalities. Our kids may love Plain Cheese. Cafe Rustica has it. Cafe Rustica has over 20 other pizzas, from

familiar to boldly original. The "specials board" makes ones selection process even more challenging.

Just a sample of the menu. Jamaican Chicken (roasted chicken, Bermuda onions, roasted peppers, Mozzarella and a spicy-pineapple-banana chutney), Provençal (roasted yellow and red onions, olives, capers, Chevre-goat cheese,

Mozzarella and fresh herbs), Mexican Burrito

(burrito style calzone with roasted peppers, onions, black beans, roasted chicken, Cheddar and Mozzarella, with fresh salsa and sour cream on the side) and styles named Al Funghi, Cuban, Diet, Cheese-less and Wheat-free Pizza. 5422 College Ave. at Manila, Oakland, 654-1601



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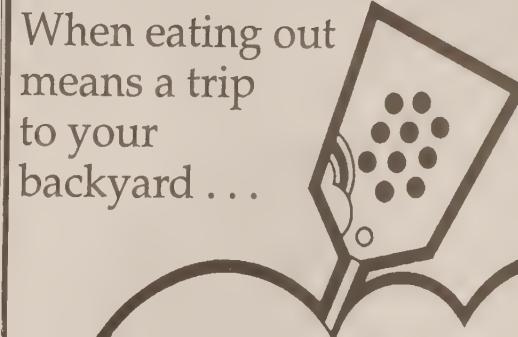
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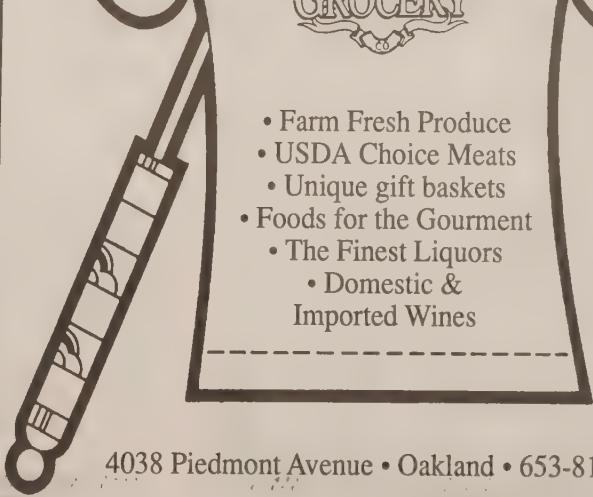
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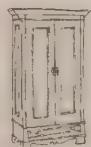
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A Short History of the Berkeley Bagel

Bagels do not come from a bagel bakery.

The bagel began in Europe when a baker "took a hunk of dough around it, threw it into a boiling bath and got a shiny brown — without it the bagel would have been just another roll."

Fat and round shaped like the endless circle lie



gained popularity as a filling place for cream cheese, fish, jam and lots of cream.

But alas, here in Berkeley, without authentic bagels on a happy day, Brothers' Bakery opened its first store wanted to make a good daily in the time-honored Berkeley way.

First, Brothers' used only healthy ingredients and flour. Then we were offering flavors of chocolate, cinnamon, poppy seed, etc. — that night, old European bakers — Berkeley.

Carrying home fresh-baked bread is a Berkeley tradition.

Today Brothers' Bagel stores and restaurants are throughout the East Bay, as well as in other locations. So stop by for a taste. Faculty soon — a Berkeley tradition. Call 524-304 for more information.

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Yume Ya chefs Yoshi and Hideki

Traditional Meets Modern at Yume Ya

The trim and modern interior of Yume Ya Tempura Grill and Sushi Bar brings a special intimacy to a delicious Japanese meal. Counters and tables are no more than a few feet away from chefs Yoshi and Hideki. Both chefs, who have been working together for eight years, take an avid interest in the continual satisfaction of their customers and welcome their customers' questions and will gladly recommend or explain menu choices.

The recent addition of brown rice options to the menu has prompted Hideki to remind his customers

that "this rice must be chewed longer than white rice. Eat it more slowly for good digestion."

Now six years old, Yume Ya's sushi bar serves a very popular Spicy Vegetable Roll and an also popular Spicy Tuna Roll. Tofu Steak with sauteed veg-

tables is very popular at dinner than you chew white rice. Eat it more slowly for good digestion."

One finds an exciting mixture of modern and traditional Japanese tastes at Yume Ya.

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dition, which gave them their homey feel, and also displayed a richness and style revealing a European flair.

The complimentary dessert was the best end to such a delicious meal: whole fresh strawberries baked with strawberry puree, which I later dubbed "strawberry cobbler." Never have I had better service than at Daniel's Highland Cafe. There is no one who is not just a good waiter. Just to be served by someone so competent is enough to go there. 2181 San Pablo, Albany. 524-0157.

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Crogan's Seafood House and Bar located in Montclair Village and in Oakland's City Center, offers a varied and delicious menu. The coastal oyster bar ambience with tile floor, cherry wood bar tops and stools, is inviting for an afternoon or evening meal. But it's the fresh catch of the day and an inspired wine list that will win your loyalty at Crogan's.

Catch of the day ranges from salmon, swordfish and petrale sole to snapper

and California halibut. Oysters, fresh and shucked, are the perfect beginning for a great meal at Crogan's.

Touted as one of the finest East Bay seafood restaurants, Crogan's also offers a selection of meat and poultry dishes as well as pasta specials, all at moderate prices.

Locations are 6101 La Salle Ave., Montclair, (339-2098) and 5001 12th St. (464-3698).

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Vic Bergeron built his restaurant by offering creative food and drinks with a flamboyant flair.

The original Vic's opened in Emeryville in 1972. The company has restaurants across America, Europe and Asia and over 100

Customers can
still find some
the traditional
Trader Vic's items
on the menu.

open in the Middle East
Trader Vic's in Emeryville held a special place in the hearts of residents. Today the restaurant comes in the '90s with a new quality and value standard.

Vic Bergeron's trademark.

Customers can still find the traditional Trader Vic's menu, such as Indonesian Beef or Bongo Bongo Soup. Our Monki uses the freshest, highest quality ingredients to create a meal that's both health conscious and delicious.

Menu features include a dinner menu for \$20 per person, changes every two weeks, lunch specials.

The three dining rooms have beautiful windows overlooking the San Francisco Bay. The Mai Tai Bar has one of the best sunset views in the area.

Vic's still requires reservations for the first dining room, but the requirement has been removed for the other two dining rooms and lounge.

Happy Hour is every day from 4pm to 7pm. The three dining rooms are available to rent from five to 100 people.

Reservations are required for the first dining room. The second and third dining rooms are available to rent from five to 100 people.

Wholesome Pies a Pleasure to Eat

Noble Pies has been quite successful at baking fresh pies and pastries everyday for the past 12 years.

"Quality with economy — this is what we strive to consistently provide our customers," says the owner of Noble Pies. "In today's economy, our customers' focus is on finding the best value... we provide that value."

Noble Pies features wholesome, savory meat and vegetarian entree pies and pastries, serving lunch and dinner seven days a week. Entree pies are made in individual sizes and family sizes, serving 6 to 8 people.

For the salad lover, the selection is divine: pasta verde, tabouleh, carrot-raisin, lentil, potato vinaigrette, cole slaw, and their world famous tossed green

Homemade soups are on the menu and the list changes daily.

For dessert, the specialty fruit pies are hard to beat. There are over 13 dessert pies to choose from, along with a selection of homemade cookies and pastries.

"More than half of our business is for take-away service. We have frequent customers from all over the Bay Area and the rest of the country ordering dozens of individual entree pies. They take them home and freeze them. The next time they're in town they repeat this ritual," says the owner.

Catering services are available for both private and corporate events. A reference list of current corporate clients can be provided. Delivery is available through ToGo Gatters, 420 14th Street, Suite 100, San Francisco, 467-2790.

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Piron, Sam, Ann, Anna and Atehara at the Amarin restaurant

Mark Koehler photo

Get to Know your Curries at Amarin

Comfortable dining is provided on two floor levels at Amarin Thai Restaurant. The upstairs section is street level and Upstairs is more intimate, a quiet spot.

Both dining rooms are filled with the true crafts of Thailand. From the menu come all the flavor hues of the arts of Thailand.

About the curry...House Curry (medium spicy curry sauce), coconut milk, bamboo shoots, sweet

ing. Also on the menu are noodle dishes, soups (lime prawn soup is a must), rice plates which will incorporate meats, seafoods and even fruit. Vegetarian plates are a significant part of

the menu. Amarin recently opened a second restaurant (Amarin #2) in Monterey across from the Aquarium.

Dining rooms are filled with the arts and crafts of Thailand

and fresh basil leaves) is served chicken, pork, beef or prawns. Tomatillo Curry with Chicken (coconut milk with peanuts, potatoes, onions and lime leaves) and Panang Curry (curry sauce with beef, coconut milk, lime leaves, chili peppers and sweet basil) give ample opportunity to explore what Chef Sam Piron (too) do with traditional cook-

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Henry's Chilled Salmon Salad

18 oz Coho salmon (trimmed and boned)

Field greens

1 red potato (boiled).

Tomato

Bermuda onion

1 boiled egg.

Cucumber Dressing (for salmon)

1 cucumber (skinned and seeded)

Bermuda onion (diced)

Sour cream

Garlic

Tarragon vinegar

Salt and pepper

Balsamic Vinaigrette (for field greens)

Olive oil Balsamic vinegar

Fresh herbs (basil, thyme, dill, oregano)

Salt and pepper

Place the salmon in a slotted pan over boiling water (or use a steamer). Cover and steam until done. Chill.

Prepare the dressing. The sauce should be thick, and items used to taste.

Place the field greens tossed in the vinaigrette on a plate. Remember, the best beautiful salad is to let it happen. Height is important but never build a salad piece.

Lay the salmon atop the field greens, your egg, onion, tomatoes and potatoes on the top of the salmon with cucumber dressing.

Old Style Pub Features Current Favorite Foods

The food at Jupiter is truly "bar food" — it is prepared before your eyes right at the end of the bar.

Unique pizzas and warm focaccia sandwiches are a wonderful complement to the fresh microbrews. Honey-wheat crust, imported cheeses, seasonal vegetables, Gerhard's sausage, and a one-of-a-kind artichoke sauce combine to create a delicious taste experience.

The Jupiter's kitchen manager, Bill Brandt, will be creating new pizzas and sandwiches regularly to provide Berkeley's downtowners with lunch choices. Food and desserts will be

served late in the evening for those midnight munchies.

In addition, Jupiter has 15 to 20 beers on tap from California microbreweries ranging from well known Sierra Nevada to San Francisco's 20 Tank Brewery.

Eventually Jupiter plans to brew a limited quantity of house brews in an adjacent facility.

Jupiter is housed in a turn-of-the-century building that was once a livery stable, and is the anchor tenant for Trumpetvine Court, a well known collection of shops in downtown Berkeley.

Jupiter's design brings to mind a European barroom. Bronze-colored

pressed tin in a Gothic style on the walls, large Gothic windows hanging from the ceiling, the St. James Pier, Berkeley (now the Jule) later) line the walls.

The bar is decorated with the 20 beer taps in an old-style wood-paneled room for big groups.

Jupiter's backroom is a summer favorite of Jupiter's.

Hours are 11:30 to 2:00 through Saturday 510-THE-TAPS.

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Third Generation Helps Operate Popular Mexican Eatery

Some people have been raised on the occasional dish from the kitchen of Acapulco Restaurant. Opened in 1953 the restaurant has grown from a four-stool bar and two-table cafe to a restaurant which seats over 100. However, waiting lines still occasionally

form at the door in the evening. Inside, the Quintero family, now into its third generation of restaurant operation, will seat, serve and cook for its customers old and new.

Manager Laurence Quintero, who was 10 when his mother Rose, and fa-

ther, Modesto, opened the Acapulco Restaurant, likes to meet his customers.

"Many have been coming here for years," he said recently. "If they have moved and now live far away, they will come by for lunch or dinner while on a visit. Sometimes we package up a few

dinners for them to take on a flight home."

Mother Rose is still in the kitchen assisted by son Joe, and daughters and grand daughters and grand sons abound.

She has kept the taste of this popular

restaurant from drifting. The foods and their tastes carry with years ago; this explains why they have been known to drive cities frequently to dine there.

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A Thai Bai Restaurant waitress, Noi, poses at outside

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1-1/2 fresh sweet corn, freshly cut from the cob
1/3 cup flour
1 clove garlic, minced
1 medium egg
1 TBS water
1/2 TSP sugar
1/2 TSP baking powder
1 TSP Thai red curry paste
pinch of black pepper
1/2 TSP fish sauce (optional)

Beating ingredients together into a batter. Drop by spoonfuls into hot oil in frying pan. Fry until golden brown. Serve with sweet and sour vinegar sauce.

Recipe courtesy of Thai Bai Restaurant



Chao Thai, located a few blocks from the Grand Lake Theater, has established a loyal following with their excellent Thai cuisine.

Two Locations for Growing Bagel Business

Boogie Woogie Bagel Boy has been baking fine bagels for over four years. The quality of the bagels made by owner Gary Sherman has become well known throughout the East Bay. The business has grown in wholesale delivery to hotels and major restaurants as well as individual customers.

Recently Boogie Woogie Bagel Boy opened at Orinda Square and the reputation is growing. Now the award-winning bagels are nearer to many customers.

Visit for a bagel (BWBB's motto is "anything else is just bread") and find a vast array of cream cheeses available.

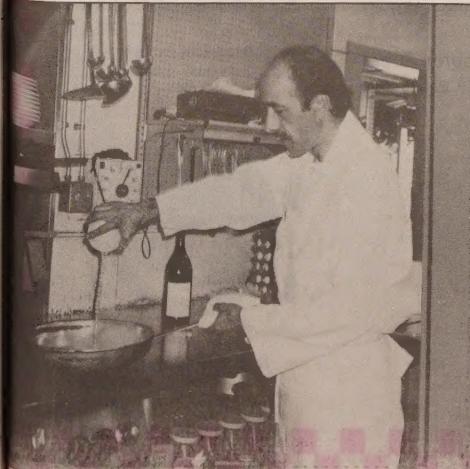
Lunch bagel sandwiches are made with turkey, roast beef, pastrami, corned

beef, and salami.

Fresh salads and Peets coffee, homemade cookies and frozen yogurt round out any stop at this bagel bakery.

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